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Portillo surrenders to Forces over ranks and money

By MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL PORTILLO has been forced to abandon radical proposals to cut the number of ranks in the Armed Forces, axe their system of allowances, and to introduce performance-related pay.

In the face of concerted opposition from service chiefs, the Defence Secretary has shelved a report by Sir Michael Bett, former deputy chairman of BT and now chairman of Cellnet. The 90,000-word report

was supposed to be a blueprint for the next century, with a modern pay and management structure after years of manpower cuts.

But 17 months after Sir Michael made his 150 recommendations, just one has been approved. Mr Portillo, who recently pushed through plans to sell off MoD housing in the face of service hostility, was believed to be unwilling to risk another confrontation in the run-up to an election.

Senior commanders had said that morale would be further un-

dermined if he pressed ahead. Sir Michael, who spent a year producing his report, recommended a cut in the number of officer ranks in each service from 12 to eight, and other ranks from six or seven to four. The ranks of lieutenant-general and major-general would be merged, as would brigadiers and colonels.

He also called for the scrapping or pruning of payments such the boarding school allowance for foreign postings, which amounted to as much as 80 per cent of fees. MoD

sources said the recommendations on allowances had proved to be one of the most sensitive areas.

The report was published in April last year. Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary who commissioned it, said that a Government response would follow in a matter of weeks. Now staff work on the report has been cut back. An MoD source said: "The work on Bett is rushing forward very slowly."

The only proposal to be approved so far is the elimination of the five star ranks — admiral of the fleet,

field marshal and marshal of the Royal Air Force — given to chiefs of the defence staff.

In May, five former chiefs of the defence staff wrote a letter to *The Times*, a Bett proposal on pensions. While recommending a number of pension improvements, Sir Michael also suggested they should be paid only from the age of 50.

Sir Michael also recommended a drastic overhaul of pay structures, with performance evaluation enabling "the most effective" person in one rank earning more than the

least experienced in a rank above. This met with great scepticism.

An announcement outlining the Government's response had been promised by the summer. Mr Portillo drafted a written answer saying that more work was still required on the options. "It is likely that those will be set out in a report later this year which would provide the basis for an information exercise within the forces." MoD sources say this was another way of saying the Bett report was being shelved.



Clinton flies in to handle Iraq crisis

By IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON, MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA AND JILL SHERMAN

PRESIDENT CLINTON last night cut short his holiday in his home state and returned to the White House amid reports that he was ready to hit back at President Saddam Hussein of Iraq sooner rather than later in retaliation for the raid into the Kurdish safe haven of Arbil.

Diplomats said they had no precise word on the timing or nature of a military strike, but there was widespread belief that it would be in the next day or two. It is likely to include attacks by Tomahawk cruise missiles launched by American Navy vessels in the Gulf region.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday indicated that British aircraft may be used again against Saddam in northern Iraq, but it was "highly unlikely" that British ground troops would be sent in. Six RAF Tornados based at Incirlik, on the Turkish-Syrian border, are said to be standing by, although no decision has yet been made to use them for the offensive.

John Major, Mr Clinton and other international leaders were last night trying to reach agreement over a united response to Saddam's latest incursion into the Western-protected safe haven of Arbil, which has a population of one million, at the weekend. Options thought to be considered ranged from reversing a recent UN agreement to allow Iraq to sell £1.28 billion worth of oil for food supplies to air strikes on key Iraqi military installations.

Mr Clinton had travelled from Little Rock, Arkansas, to Wisconsin for two picnics to mark the Labour Day holiday. But then he was cutting short his campaigning to return to Washington. The White House had no comment on how America would respond, but all the military planning had been completed and need-

ed only Mr Clinton's signature to be implemented.

Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman, told reporters aboard Air Force One, the President's plane, that Mr Clinton had "a defined course of action" to take against Saddam, but refused to elaborate. He did reveal that Anthony Lake, National Security Adviser, had flown to Little Rock on Sunday to brief Mr Clinton about Iraq. "Tony wanted to show him some things that he would need to look at that you can't really see on the telephone," Mr McCurry said.

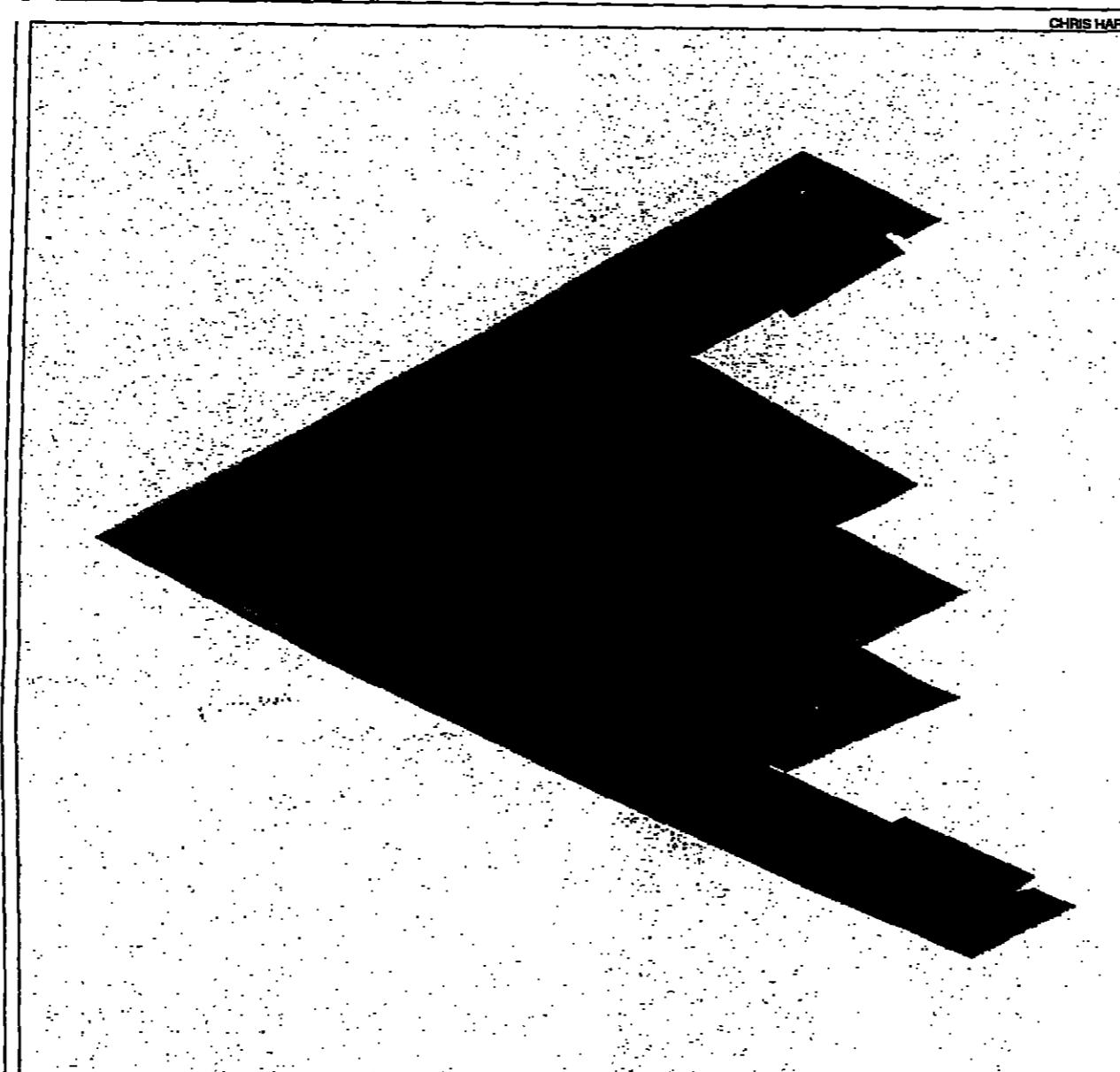
Mr Lake had spent an hour briefing the President and the two men had pored over charts and maps of Iraq and the region.

Perry Smith, a retired US Air Force general and now a military commentator for CNN, reported that many officers at the Pentagon were unusually busy and working long hours, leading him to believe that the attack would be soon. He said the cruise missiles were favoured because they were guided weapons that could hit with great precision on military targets that Saddam would be loath to lose.

He estimated that three divisions of Iraqi troops were north of the 36th parallel in the safe haven. He dismissed Iraq's claim of withdrawing troops from the Kurdish stronghold of Arbil as insignificant because the forces still remained outside the city. Mr McCurry said there was some evidence of an Iraqi redeployment, but no indication that units were preparing to return to their original forward positions.

Mr Rifkind, speaking from Tokyo, described the attack on Arbil as "a very serious problem and a clear threat to Kurdish people in the area," but he refused to be drawn on exactly what military options were being discussed.

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The American Stealth bomber which made two almost inaudible passes at the Farnborough Air Show yesterday

From Montana to Farnborough and back in 21 hours without stopping

By MICHAEL EVANS

SPECTATORS at the Farnborough Air Show were yesterday given a glimpse of America's B-2 Stealth bomber. The aircraft made two almost inaudible passes over the airfield before flying straight back to Wightman's air force base in Montana on a non-stop 21-hour round trip.

At times the world's most expensive aircraft, the details of which are kept secret, was almost invisible because of its thin sleek profile that enables it to evade radar and infra-red detectors. The bomber had been plagued by controversy since it was unveiled in 1988.

Meanwhile it was announced that more than 14,000 jobs in Britain's aerospace industry were safe after the Government said it was committed to going ahead with the production of the Eurofighter. While heads were turned by the Stealth

bomber, an even more amazing show was put on after all the spectators had gone home. The spectacular Russian Su37 combat aircraft which can "turn on a sixpence" and sit in the air like a snake charmer's cobra had to be put shown.

Yevgeni Frolov, its Russian pilot, refused to fly during the day after being told he could only take off at low level. The Su37 shows off its talents best at high level. The Russian had failed to obtain a validation

certificate for high altitude aerobatics from the Society of British Aerospace Companies after strict safety margins were broken during rehearsals last week.

The Su37 has thrust vector controls like the British Harrier but it is otherwise unlike the famous jump-jet. It cannot take off straight up, like a helicopter, but once in the air it can perform dazzling tricks, including the "Cola manoeuvre" when it "sits up and begs"

for several seconds before pitching down and roaring off in another direction. The aircraft can also continue the rotation until it is completely inverted.

The announcement of the go-ahead for the Eurofighter was made by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, to coincide with a display by one of the prototypes at Farnborough. Britain's three European partners, Germany, Italy and Spain, have yet to confirm their commitment to financing the production of the multi-role aircraft.

However, the four partner nations are expected to sign inter-governmental arrangements and contracts for the production phase within the next six months.

Mr Portillo said the British Eurofighter will which will be

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The Eurofighter shows its paces at Farnborough

Student beaten unconscious 'for being a hero'

By KATE ALDERSON

A STUDENT who showed "chivalry and concern" to a girl he had found crying in a street is fighting for his life in hospital after being hit by a thus who taunted him about being a hero.

Andrew Poynton, 22, who is reading English literature and history at Staffordshire University, has undergone emergency surgery to remove a

blood clot from his brain. He is being treated for severe head injuries in Manchester Royal Infirmary where his condition is "critical".

Mr Poynton had been returning from a party with his girlfriend in Manchester early Saturday morning when he saw a young woman sobbing in a city centre side street. He had asked the woman if she was all right and, when she replied that she was, walked

on with Susan Gilbert, 20, his girlfriend. But Mr Poynton, from Stockport, was still concerned and went back.

He was confronted by a sneering youth who taunted Mr Poynton about being a hero. Mr Poynton and Miss Gilbert, from Milnrow, Rochdale, walked away but the youth jumped in front of them and punched Mr Poynton on the head. He fell and hit his head on the pavement. Last

night he had not regained consciousness and police said he was unlikely to make a full recovery.

Det Supt Arthur Provoost called on Mr Poynton's attacker to come forward. "I also appeal to the girl Andrew was trying to help. This was an unprovoked and unnecessary attack on a young man who was only attempting to show chivalry and concern to a stranger in distress."

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Poynton: head injuries

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Trust plan for Royal Naval College fails to calm fears for future

By VALERIE ELLIOTT
WHITEHALL EDITOR

THE future of the Royal Naval College in Greenwich, which has been championed by the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales, was still uncertain last night despite a government decision to set up a trust to protect it.

Senior naval sources were dismayed that Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, and Virginia Bottomley, National Heritage Secretary, accepted the proposal for the site to be largely taken over by Greenwich University without a properly defined role for the National Maritime Museum.

They also suspected that the timing of the announcement, on the same day as the go-ahead for the Eurofighter jet, was designed to ensure minimum scrutiny.

One source said last night: "After Mr Portillo's run-in with the top brass when noise from his party marred Beating the Retreat on Horseguards he does not really want to cause any more trouble. But he is not going to pull the wool over our eyes."

A recommendation to allow Greenwich University to house a campus on Sir Christopher Wren's site was put forward by the Greenwich Advisory Group, chaired by



The Royal Naval College to be university campus

Dame Jennifer Jenkins, and was supported by ministers in a statement yesterday.

But the detail of the group's report reveals serious misgivings about the university's ability to pay for the site. There is also concern that the museum, while remaining, has not been given a formal role.

One source said last night:

"After all this time nothing is resolved about the future for the Royal Naval College. While I welcome the setting up of a trust, that could have been done nearly a year ago."

Nick Raynsford, Labour MP for Greenwich, last night also questioned the ability of

the university to buy the buildings and maintain them properly. "With costs estimated by the report as £25 million to put the buildings into a good state of repair, and with

current maintenance costing £2 million a year, there must be concern about how these sums will be raised."

A full text of the advisory group's report further queries

the university's financial plan. "Depending on how present uncertainties turn out and the extent to which alternative sources of capital funding are available, it [the university] may have to curtail or defer some of its aspirations."

It is known that the university has been negotiating for over a year with the Greenwich hospital for the lease on the Dreadnought building on the site. Mr Raynsford said last night: "The Dreadnought has already been left empty and neglected for nine years and is in an appalling state. If the university is in financial straits it might decide to drop its plans for that building and

that would leave an historic building in an appalling condition and would be a blight on the site."

A chairman and other trustees, as well as a chief executive, to be appointed to organise the site's future and to negotiate a lease with the hospital.

Senior naval officers however believe much time has been wasted over the project. The Duke of Edinburgh has called the naval college's situation "chaotic".

Lord Rothschild put forward the suggestion of a trust last year, saying that it would be a suitable candidate for lottery support. Yesterday's

report also makes clear that funding for the future of the Royal Naval College could not be guaranteed from the heritage lottery fund as it is not allowed to pay for items which the Government as an outgoing tenant is liable.

Campaigners for the future of the naval college, however, are pleased the Government was forced to climb down from its original plan to sell off the site. There were fears the building might have been turned into a Japanese hotel, a supermarket or golf course. A Royal Parks Commission report suggested it could be turned into a Versailles-style baroque theme park.

Police ranks fall despite promises on recruitment

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE number of police officers has fallen by more than 800 during the past four years, in spite of government promises that they would increase the total strength of the service.

The fall in policemen and women available for ordinary duty, 1,401 since 1992, according to figures published by the Labour Party yesterday. This figure does not include officers seconded to regional crime squads and the Diplomatic Protection Group.

However, the Government pointed to a rise of 1,988 in the number of police constables from 55,662 in March 1992 to 57,650 in March this year. The Home Office said that the rise was created by reforms in which senior ranks have been reduced and more officers put on the beat.

Overall police numbers, including officers on secondment, have fallen by 823 from 128,045 in 1992 to 127,222 on March 31 last year. If officers on secondment are excluded, the numbers have fallen by 1,401 from 126,112 to 124,711 last year.

Alun Michael, Shadow home affairs spokesman, claimed that the figures showed that Conservative promises about providing extra police were worthless. He added: "Last year the Prime Minister announced that there would be an additional 5,000 police officers over three years — but when challenged as to where the money was coming from, it turned out that the police capital budget had been cut by the same amount as the 'new' money that was supposed to pay for additional officers."

A Home Office spokesman

said recruitment was up to chief constables. Under recent reforms they have been given power to decide how they spend their resources with the aim of providing greater flexibility in dealing with particular policing difficulties in their force areas.

Some forces are putting more emphasis on providing improved technology for their forces and better equipment for officers. But other forces have pressed ahead with employing more civilians to enable them to free more constables to be on patrol and carry out other policing duties.

□ A Scottish police force yesterday became the first in Britain to introduce random drugs testing among its own officers. The move, which will also cover alcohol abuse, was announced by Ian Oliver, Chief Constable of Grampian Police, who said his force would set new standards for other employers to follow.

Dr Oliver said that he would be "failing in his duty to the public" if he did not make sure officers were properly prepared to walk the beat or drive high-performance police cars. All recruits will be required to take a compulsory test. Those moving into specialist fields such as armed units and traffic operations will also be tested.

Random testing will be carried out among 10 per cent of the force each year, with the first tests likely to begin later this year. Dr Oliver said everyone would be involved and he would be happy to be the first. Anyone refusing and then found to have a drugs or drink problem could face disciplinary action.



Michael Heseltine in the cockpit of the Eurofighter at Farnborough yesterday

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RAF's frontline combat air craft for the next century, would be assembled at British Aerospace factories in Lancashire from components manufactured by the four partner nations. Rolls Royce will manufacture the engines, primarily at Bristol and Derby.

The Eurofighter which will cost Britain about £15.4 billion for 232 aircraft, gave an impressive debut performance at Farnborough although it was outshone by the American bat-shaped B2

Thirty-nine demonstrators who were arrested at the Farnborough Air Show were members of the Campaign Against Arms Trade which protests at displays.

bomber. Sir Richard Evans, Chairman and Chief Executive of British Aerospace, stressed that the Eurofighter demonstrated at Farnborough did not have the new EJ200 engine which is being developed specially for the aircraft. Two of the six proto-

types now have the new engine.

The Ministry of Defence said yesterday that more than 6,000 jobs currently depended on the Eurofighter development phase but this would rise to about 14,000 at the peak of production. The first Eurofighter is due to be delivered to the RAF in 2001.

Opening the Farnborough air show, Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, said the Eurofighter was playing an important part in a more integrated European aerospace industry.

Teachers suspend strike threats

By DAVID CHARTER

TEACHERS have suspended a strike threat over an unruly ten-year-old boy after a compromise deal was reached last night. Seven of nine teachers at Manton Junior School in Worksop, Nottinghamshire, were due to begin industrial action at the start of the new term today if Matthew Wilson was allowed to return.

A walkout over a disruptive 13-year-old girl at the Ridings School in Halifax, west Yorkshire, was also halted yesterday when her mother withdrew her from the school after a meeting with the headmaster and chairman of the governors.

Members of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers were threatening to strike if they had to teach the children, both of whom had been expelled. However, yesterday's breakdown is still seen as a stop-gap agreement and strike action seems possible at Manton if a long-term solution cannot be found.

Governors are offering individual tuition to Matthew Wilson. He was twice expelled from the school last term for violent and unruly behaviour.

But in both cases was reinstated by governors. Pamela Cliffe, Matthew's mother, agreed last night not to send him back to school until Monday. Nottinghamshire County Council has agreed that he will have his own teacher from Monday.

Nigel de Gruchy, NASUWT general secretary, claimed a victory in the Ridings case but said that there was still much talking to be done to resolve the dispute involving Matthew. "At the moment I am pessimistic because my members believe this boy is an absolute menace," he said. "Feelings are still running very high and at present my members do not want him back in the school."

Church is urged to worship in tongues

The Church of England is being urged to conduct services in foreign languages for overseas tourists. George Cobbold, in a letter to *Outlook*, the Canterbury diocesan newspaper, says that the crowds of foreigners who visit the cathedral each year have little chance to worship in their own languages. "With honourable exception such as the small Huguenot chapel in the cathedral, where French is spoken, the Gospel is not preached to them although on holiday minds are more receptive to religion."

However, the chances of his idea being accepted by the church are remote. Many cathedrals provide leaflets and guides for foreign tourists in the summer. But David Earlam, Canterbury press officer, said: "There are so many languages that where do you start and where do you finish? After all, this is the Church of England."

Jenkins call to voters

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead yesterday suggested that Liberal Democrat supporters consider voting Labour in order to defeat Conservative candidates. Lord Jenkins, who helped to found the Social Democratic Party in 1981 and is now leader of the Liberal Democrats in the Lords, said there was much common ground between Labour and the Liberal Democrats and welcomed anti-Tory tactical voting by supporters of both parties. "I welcome people voting with their intelligence in by-elections," he told BBC Radio 4's *Today*.

EU backs fish farmers

The European Union is to open anti-dumping proceedings against Norwegian salmon farmers at the request of Scottish growers who say artificially cheap imports are ruining their industry. Farmed Atlantic salmon from Norway is being sold in the EU at prices up to 30 per cent below the cost of production, say Scottish growers whose share of the EU market has fallen from 23 per cent to 18 per cent. They claim this is unfair as the Norwegian firms get a state subsidy of £450 to £500 a tonne.

Beekeeping monk dies

A Benedictine monk who devoted his life to beekeeping has died at Buckfast Abbey, Devon, aged 98. Brother Adam, who died on Sunday, became a member of the Buckfast community at the age of 12. He took charge of the monastery's disease-ravaged colonies in 1922 and became a world authority on bees. The German-born expert was awarded the OBE in 1974 and wrote three books on bee-keeping, including one on Buckfast bees.

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Climbers die in storm

A Cambridge graduate is among three climbers declared dead after they went missing on a mountain in northern Pakistan three weeks ago. Stephen Thorne, 25, right, who had just completed his doctorate in geology in New Zealand, had been on his last climb before returning to Britain to begin his career. He and two colleagues, British-born Andrew Boas, 24, and New Zealander Christopher Hoare, 32, had not been seen since August 12. They split from the rest of a six-man team to make an ascent on the summit of 25,800ft Distaghil Sar shortly before a storm descended for three days. The other three, Thomas Davies, Dominic Harmond and Peter Marriott, took a different route and were forced back to base camp by the conditions.



Sins of the flesh exposed

Traders and hoteliers in Minehead are taking a stand against the exposed beer bellies sported by thousands of trippers to the north Somerset resort this summer. They have launched a campaign to make the wearing of a shirt in public compulsory, as is the rule in certain French resorts. Malcolm Robinson, who sparked the call for action in a letter to the local newspaper, said: "It seems the more flesh they carry, the more they want to expose it. It is very unpleasant and not very hygienic."

CORRECTIONS

□ A report on the Globe Theatre (August 22) should have described Victoria Walmsley as a 25-year-old qualified self-employed dramatherapist, not as a student. We apologise for the error.

□ In a television preview (August 22) of *Defence of the Realm: Harrier Force*, a remark attributed to an RAF officer was wrong. In fact he said: "I don't think anybody would shoot anybody in a parachute because it would be wasting time."



Lib Dems get tough on Europe

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT leaders are to counter accusations that they are the "poodles of Brussels" by criticising European Union failings over the beef problem and fisheries at their annual conference later this month.

The change of tactic follows private warnings from some senior Liberal Democrats that too much enthusiasm about the EU could prevent the party taking certain seats from the Tories at the next election. Activists at the Brighton conference will be asked to back plans for stripping away Brussels' power over fishing policy. A motion backed by the

party has "gone soft" on Europe by making the party's stance on Europe a central part of his conference speech.

The party's strong pro-European position could be unpopular with voters in the South West — the English region where the Liberal Democrats are strongest — where fishermen claim their industry has been severely damaged by EU policies. In Scotland and Wales there is anger over the EU ban on British beef.

The polls suggest that Liberal Democrat voters are no more Europhile than supporters of other parties.

TUC puts pressure on Labour

By PHILIP BASSETT AND JILL SHERMAN

JOHN MONKS, the TUC General Secretary, insists today that the unions will expect a much closer relationship with government ministers if Labour wins the general election.

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Monks also makes it clear that the unions will be looking for early legislation from a Labour government led by Tony Blair on minimum standards at work, including a national minimum wage. His demands coincide with increasing pressure from individual trade unions at this month's party conference to persuade Mr Blair to improve workers' rights.

At the TUC annual conference in Blackpool next week, unions will press for a range of issues, including employment rights for full-time and part-time workers from the first day of work. Tony Blair has

held once membership has reached a trigger point. Demands for a minimum wage ranging from £4 an hour to more than £5.50 have also been made. Mr Blair has made clear that Labour will only decide the level once it is in power, on the advice of a special commission.

The Labour leader will attend next week's TUC conference, but will not publicly address it — though he will give a speech to a private TUC dinner. Other Shadow Cabinet Ministers are expected to attend.

In his *Times* interview, Mr Monks denies that unions would have any formal role in a Blair-led government, but he adds: "We do see a close set of relationships with the key ministers. That would be important."

While he says the TUC has now won a Conservative Government in areas such as training and health and safety, he acknowledges the union

will look to "widen" that role, especially on European issues. He accepts that there is little prospect of such a change if the Conservatives win, but denies that that such a role goes beyond the "fairness not favour" relationship between a Labour government and the unions which both he and Mr Blair support.

But Mr Monks says he is looking for early legislation from a Labour government but accepts minimum wage legislation will not take effect until about two years from now. "My hope is that Labour should introduce quickly a Bill for minimum standards (at work) — which would include the minimum wage. We are keen to see that approach."

Mr Monks said yesterday in a separate interview on BBC Radio 4 that he understood why Labour had so far failed to put a figure on a minimum wage. "This time next week we will be pretty clear where we are going to go."

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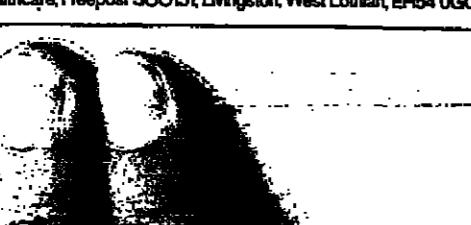


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Body of drowned boy ends search

Last hopes dashed, parents of Tom and Jodi return home

By JOANNA BALE

THE parents of Tom and Jodi Loughlin were preparing to return home last night after a post-mortem examination revealed that their son, whose body was found on a Norfolk beach on Sunday, had died from drowning like his sister.

A police spokesman said: "Provisional findings are that the cause of death was consistent with drowning and police are not treating it as suspicious."

The children's parents, Kevin Loughlin, a computer consultant, and his partner, Lynette Thornton, a physiotherapist, are expected to go back to their home in Norwood, south London, in the next few days. The grief-stricken couple have not been home since Jodi, 6, and Tom, 4, vanished 16 days ago from a beach at Holme next the Sea, near Hunstanton.

They have stayed at a secret address in north Norfolk to keep in close contact with police while clinging to the hope that the children might be alive. Those hopes were dashed when Jodi's body was found washed up on a beach on Friday and the body of a boy was found three miles away on Sunday. Police believe it is a near-certainty that it is the body of Tom. The parents were told about the discovery of the boy's body on Sunday night.

They last saw their children running excitedly towards the sea on the second day of their



Tom: non-swimmer
Jodi: body found first



Kevin Loughlin and Lynette Thornton: going home

parents' worst nightmare." Norfolk police have received hundreds of calls from members of the public asking to pass on messages of sympathy to the couple. Constable Mel Lacey, the force's spokesman, said: "Some have even sent them flowers. Kevin and Lynette have gained strength from the support of people they do not even know. While they have to go home at some stage, they are still in west Norfolk and making their plans daily. They are still being remarkably strong. Obviously they have got more distressed with the latest developments. But officers who have been close to them are full of admiration for the way they have dealt with the situation."

A jogger found the body of Jodi, still clad in her purple swimming costume, washed up by the high tide between Weybourne and Sheringham, 30 miles east of the spot where she disappeared. Thirty two hours later, on Sunday afternoon, a walker found the body of a boy on rocks further east at Sheringham.

To spare her parents further distress forensic experts identified Jodi by comparing her fingerprints to those taken from some of her toys. The same technique was expected to be used to identify the boy's body.

The couple noticed their children were missing on Holme beach after just five minutes and searched nearby dunes for two hours before calling police. Neither child could swim. At the time the sea was calm and the incoming tide was still exposing 200 yards of sandy beach. Both Mr Loughlin and Ms Thornton said they could not believe that their children had drowned in such short a time when the sea was so calm.

A three-day search involving police, firemen, coastguards, lifeboats and rescue helicopters failed to find any trace of Tom and Jodi and police became increasingly convinced that they had been swept out to sea.

By RICHARD DUCE

THE remarkable recovery of Josephine Russell, who witnessed her mother and sister being beaten to death, continued to amaze police yesterday as she paid a visit to the zoo.

This photograph is the first of Josephine, 9, since she was allowed to leave King's College Hospital in London two weeks ago. Zoo staff at Howletts, near Canterbury, allowed her to cuddle a young gorilla during the visit with

her father, Shaun. Two months ago Josephine had been given up for dead after an attack which claimed the lives of her mother Lin, 45, and sister Megan, 6, as they walked home from school to the Kent village of Nonington. Josephine now insists on wearing hats to hide the scars of the head wounds inflicted by the attacker, who has still to be caught.

Dr Russell agreed that she be photographed before tonight's screening of the BBC

Crimewatch programme which police hope will provide new leads in the hunt for the killer. They are optimistic that Josephine, whose speech has been affected by her injuries, will soon be able to talk to them.

A police spokeswoman said: "She has made an incredible recovery considering that she was on a life-support machine immediately after the attack." Police believe her evidence as a witness to the attack could be vital.

Director rubbed baby oil into stripper's chest, tribunal is told

By PETER FOSTER

A COMPANY director who claimed that a birthday strippage left her suffering post-traumatic stress disorder helped him to take off his shirt and rubbed baby oil into his chest, a tribunal was told yesterday.

Gail Steele, 44, was handcuffed and slung over the naked man's back last February after fellow directors at the opticians Optika organised a stripper to pose as a job applicant. Thirteen days after the incident Miss Steele was sacked for alleged incompetence.

At a hearing which was adjourned in June Miss Steele described the experience as "horrific". A psychiatrist said that she had suffered trauma similar to that of victims of a sexual assault or a bombing.

But yesterday, at the reopening of the hearing, a colleague said that Miss Steele gave every indication of enjoying the strippage. Karen Connors, 24, personnel manager at the firm in Harrow, northwest London, said: "She took off his shirt and put baby oil on his chest. He took the handcuffs off and kissed her on the cheek. Gail was laughing throughout."

Afterwards she said: "It was a bit embarrassing." She said the stripper looked like a pimp and he looked a bit scruffy." Miss Connors said her office had been filled with up to 15 women of all ages and she was sure that someone would have stopped the stunt if it had gone too far. She added: "She was an extrovert who always had something to say and was a bit of a star."

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During his two years in the job he had been asked to pose as policemen and as Tarzan but could remember few details of the 100 or so bookings. He said he would stop if anyone seemed embarrassed or upset and was sensitive to their feelings.

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Attack girl continues recovery

By RICHARD DUCE

THE remarkable recovery of Josephine Russell, who witnessed her mother and sister being beaten to death, continued to amaze police yesterday as she paid a visit to the zoo.

This photograph is the first of Josephine, 9, since she was allowed to leave King's College Hospital in London two weeks ago. Zoo staff at Howletts, near Canterbury, allowed her to cuddle a young gorilla during the visit with

her father, Shaun. Two months ago Josephine had been given up for dead after an attack which claimed the lives of her mother Lin, 45, and sister Megan, 6, as they walked home from school to the Kent village of Nonington. Josephine now insists on wearing hats to hide the scars of the head wounds inflicted by the attacker, who has still to be caught.

Dr Russell agreed that she be photographed before tonight's screening of the BBC

Crimewatch programme which police hope will provide new leads in the hunt for the killer. They are optimistic that Josephine, whose speech has been affected by her injuries, will soon be able to talk to them.

A police spokeswoman said: "She has made an incredible recovery considering that she was on a life-support machine immediately after the attack." Police believe her evidence as a witness to the attack could be vital.

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Prison for massacre threats

By A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN who telephoned four schools, threatening to massacre schoolchildren and teachers, should have been jailed for more than the legal maximum of six months, a stipendiary magistrate said yesterday.

Ian Gillespie, sitting at Durham Magistrates' Court, criticised the restriction after hearing that, in May, two months after the Dunblane massacre by Thomas Hamilton, Paul Newman, 25, who was drunk, had caused consternation by telephoning schools and declaring: "I am going to shoot all the kids and teachers."

Mr Gillespie said: "My powers are woefully inadequate for this crime. I would happily send you to Crown Court for a very substantial sentence. But the powers that be have restricted me to a maximum sentence of six months. The effect of your offending was to cause anxiety, fear and distress. That anybody could behave like this in the wake of the tragedy of Dunblane beggars belief."

Newman, of New Brancepeth, Durham, admitted using the telephone system to send menacing messages and failing to surrender to bail when he appeared last month. John Grierson, for the defence, said Newman wanted to express sincere remorse. He had been "drunk and looking for notoriety".

Father wins case on being at birth

By RICHARD DUCE

A DELIVERY driver was unfairly sacked for insisting that he be at his wife's bedside for the birth of their first child, an industrial tribunal ruled yesterday. Although Robert Stennings, 39, was held to be 50 per cent to blame for being sacked, he was awarded compensation of almost £2,000.

Mr Stennings, of Burnage, Manchester, described how was reduced to tears by his boss at the Manchester-based heating firm Supa Heat when he was refused leave to visit his wife, Christine, who had been taken to hospital with high blood pressure before the birth of his daughter Charlotte, now five months.

He claimed that the company owner, Michael Johnson, told him: "Don't bother coming back." He said Mr Johnson added that a pilot or captain would not turn back an aircraft or ship because of a birth. "I thought it was a ludicrous comparison. He said that my wife going to hospital was nothing to do with him and that Supa Heat was not going to stop because of a baby. He said he would sack me if I did this. I said I would not treat a dog the way he treated me."

Mr Johnson, who defended himself at the hearing in Manchester, told Mr Stennings: "Your attitude made for a very unpleasant



Stennings: his boss said he could not leave job

Doctor who pulled gun is jailed

By A STAFF REPORTER

A DOCTOR who threatened a disabled man with a starting pistol when a Ford Escort blocked his BMW was jailed for three months yesterday. Dr Chidi Uche, who had a letter of good character from the Labour MP Ken Livingstone read out in court, also faces being struck off.

The cardiac registrar flashed his lights and sounded his horn when he was delayed by the Ford Escort reversing to park in Cricklewood, north London. When Michael McNamara, a passenger who is partially sighted, got out to speak to the doctor, Uche pulled out an imitation pistol and threatened to shoot him.

As he sped off, Mr McNamara's partner Margaret O'Rourke took down the doctor's registration number. Armed police raided his house and found the starting pistol.

Uche, 28, of Willesden Green, north London, had denied possessing an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear or violence. His wife is eight months pregnant.

Harrow Crown Court was told that Mrs O'Rourke had been waiting for a heart-lung transplant at the time of the offence. The couple were being given a lift from bingo.

Tim Clark, for Uche, said: "Jail will ruin this man."

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Barclays manager accused of fraud

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE manager of a Barclays business centre used a forged letter of guarantee in a plot to secure a £5 million loan from a Swiss bank, it was alleged yesterday.

Guy Wheeler, 56, is said to have faxed the bank in Geneva from the living room of his Nottinghamshire home, making the document appear to be from the Barclays office where he worked in Derby. But the conspiracy failed because one of his accomplices was under police surveillance, Inner London Crown Court

Bank in Switzerland. "The guarantee made it a very powerful instrument," Mr Coleman said. "Barclays would be legally bound to pay over £10 million."

Mr Wheeler, of Gonstalton, and Mr Doherty, of west London, deny conspiracy to forge the letter of guarantee. A third suspect, Ernest Cilia, is believed to be in his native Malta or in Turkey.

Mr Coleman said: "That document required two signatures. Mr Wheeler was going to provide one and for the other Mr Wheeler provided Mr Doherty with a list of authorised signatures." When arrested, Mr Wheeler had

when asked whether he regularly

were alone when handling documents



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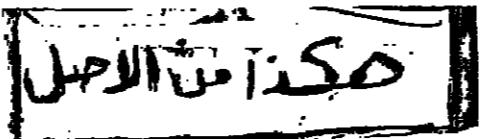
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Call for tighter laws as victim tells officers of her ordeal

Jailed stalker will not give up

By STEWART TENDER

THE first stalker jailed for inflicting psychological grievous bodily harm on a victim is still trying to harass her from his prison cell, police disclosed yesterday.

In a test case that prompted calls for new laws, Anthony Burstow, a former chief petty officer, was jailed after harassing Tracey Sant, who had worked with him at a naval depot in Gosport. Burstow is now in Buldington Prison, near Oxford, where he was discovered trying to write to her. The letters were seized.

Police believe that Burstow, whose case is going to the House of Lords over a point of law, will not give up his obsession. He is not receiving psychiatric help in prison. On his expected release next September Mrs Sant is likely to need police protection unless new legislation is in place.

Details of Burstow's fixation were disclosed as his victim addressed an International Police Women's Conference in Birmingham. She spoke of the impact of years of torment, which she blamed for destroying her marriage. She and her

husband, Andy, are divorcing next month. From 1992 to 1995 Burstow followed her, telephoned her, placed bugs in her home, damaged her car and rented a house 500 yards from her home.

Reading out extracts from a dairy of her ordeal, Mrs Sant said: "I go from day to day. I know he will be about next year. But for police officers, I would not be alive today. This is the first time it has gone very quiet. It is quite strange."

Her husband moved out because he could not take any more, she said. "He had

already beaten up Anthony Burstow and could not deal with the change of personality and depression in me." The couple had to move home during the harassment, and fighting Burstow through civil courts had cost thousands. He had legal aid.

The five-day International Police Training Conference was called jointly by the International Association of Women Police Officers and the European Network for Police Women. Detective Sergeant Linda Fermor, who helped to put Burstow behind

bars, said there was no sign he would stop his obsession. The only hope was new legislation.

Maria Wallis, Assistant Chief Constable of Hampshire, said police would support legislation now being planned to enable early action against stalkers. Proposals include new powers of arrest for harassment and penalties including £5,000 fines and five-year prison sentences.

Mrs Wallis led an investigation by the Association of Chief Police Officers into the extent of stalking. Out of 44 forces who were asked about

the differing types of behaviour involved, only four were unable to give examples.

Analysis of 151 cases showed that 40 stalkers were known casually by their victims, 32 were unknown, 30 had some other relationship, 25 were "domestic" stalkers — ex-partners or husbands — and 24 began their obsession in the workplace. Mrs Wallis said: "Almost without exception, there had been some form of initial harassment before any criminal offence could have said to have been committed."

Anne Strahan, from the Suzy Lamplugh Trust, said one woman was stalked by a middle-aged man from the age of 14 to 20. Other stalkers included a psychotherapist who harassed one of his staff.

Women are put off joining the police by a macho culture that labels female officers as "dykes, bitches and burglars' dogs", delegates heard. Malcolm Young, an anthropologist, said that anti-sexist measures had simply driven chauvinism underground: "The situation will change only if we have a 50-50 ratio of male and female officers."

'We forgot how to live normally'

TRACEY SANT kept a diary of her years of anguish at the hands of Anthony Burstow. As she read some of the extracts to police officers yesterday there were gasps of surprise.

□ November 24, 1992: Soon after the harassment began Mrs Sant recorded: "There are two telephone calls. No one there. A little while later the door bell rings for long periods. See through the spy hole it is Burstow. He has been told to keep away from me. I take a bread knife and go upstairs and ring to ring friends."

□ February 10, 1993: She described going to court to try to prosecute Burstow after incidents including the theft of underwear, an

attack on her ear and the fear that she is becoming paranoid. After the court case, which failed, she recorded: "He is probably revelling in the attention. I feel drained."

□ October 1993: The Sants went away for a month's holiday. Burstow had been jailed for pouring oil over Mrs Sant's car. While they were away he was released on appeal. The diary read: "Returned from holiday rested and realised we had forgotten how to live a normal life." Then the couple found that they had been burgled. Items taken included a wedding video. Mrs Sant wrote of her anguish that it might now be watched by Burstow with his "grubby little eyes".



Tracey Sant yesterday: ordeal ended her marriage

British Psychological Society

Crime linked to difficult births

By JEREMY LAURANCE

CHILDREN who have difficult births and are separated from their mothers in the first year are more likely to follow a life of crime, a psychologist said yesterday.

Results from a study of 4,200 men born in 1959 and followed until the age of 34 showed that those who had complications at birth and who spent at least four months of their first year in institutions were more likely to have a violent criminal record.

Adrian Raine, Professor of Psychology at the University of Southern California, who presented results of the study to the annual conference of the British Psychological Society's criminological and legal division in York yesterday, said that 4 per cent of the children accounted for 18 per cent of the violent crime committed when they were adults. The main factors were the breaking of the mother-infant bond and problems at birth involving deprivation of oxygen to the brain, although neither had an effect on its own. "Like two inert chemicals, when they come together you get an explosive reaction," he said.

The results confirm the pattern disclosed in an earlier

report on the experiences of the group up to the age of 18. Critics argued that the research had shown an association, not a cause, and that many other factors helped to shape the criminal mind.

Professor Raine said the violent crime rate might be cut by up to 18 per cent if the incidence of birth complications could be reduced. The theory could be tested with a study on 500 mothers given special antenatal care.

A second study, which followed 100 children in the North of England for nine years, found that those with a low heart rate at the age of 15 were significantly more likely to have a criminal conviction by the age of 24. "They were the sluggish individuals with a low level of psychological arousal," Professor Raine said. "One theory is that to increase arousal back to normal levels, they seek stimulation from crime."

Professor Raine said there was a clear genetic basis to criminal behaviour. Studies of adopted children showed that anti-social behaviour was more like that of their genetic parents than that of their adoptive parents.

Police traumatised by forensic work

ADVANCES in technique requiring police to spend hours examining horrific crimes are exacting a heavy psychological toll, researchers said yesterday (Jeremy Laurance writes). Post-mortem examinations that used to take no more than 30 minutes now last many hours, and police are suffering nightmares and flashbacks.

Scene-of-crime officers have to photograph or film victims, take fingerprints and collect other items for forensic investigation. A study of 45 such officers at Strathclyde Police found that a third showed symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

Chief Inspector Ian Hogg, head of the identification bu-

reau, said there had been 80 murders and 500 suspicious deaths in Strathclyde last year. "Scene-of-crime officers attend one or two deaths each week — road accidents, train crashes, murders, suicides — to take photos and fingerprints. These guys just have to get on with it."

Post-mortem used to involve a simple record of external marks on the body. Now, photographs of internal organs and X-rays were required, Mr Hogg said.

Margaret Mitchell, of Glasgow Caledonian University, presenting the research to the British Psychological Society in York, said the emotional impact of certain crimes stayed with officers for years.

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Collapse in leatherback turtle numbers prompts fear of extinction



The leatherback population has fallen sharply

By NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE leatherback turtle is heading for extinction, according to research showing a collapse in numbers at its biggest nesting site.

Scientists said yesterday that the fall at the site in Mexico was probably being repeated at other breeding sites from Malaysia to the Americas. The turtles, the largest in the world, at 1.55 metres long, are also occasionally found off the west coast of Britain.

"Our findings underscore what

field scientists have feared for some time, namely that the world's largest population of endangered leatherback turtles has collapsed," say the scientists, part of the World Conservation Union in Switzerland, based at the Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute in San Diego, California, and academic centres in Mexico including the Ciudad University.

Leatherback turtles have nested in large numbers off the west and south coasts of Mexico for hundreds of thousands of years. Numbers have fallen steadily across the world because of various pressures, includ-

ing coastal development such as sea defences, marinas and the mechanical raking of beaches. The turtles are also disturbed by night-time bathers, off-road vehicles and litter.

Dr Heather Hall, of London Zoo, said yesterday that it was possible that the leatherback population had declined to a critical level: "You sometimes get to such a low level of numbers that, wham, you get a huge drop. Boy has to meet girl, but once a population gets to a critically low level, this may no longer occur."

Unlike many marine species, turtles kept to the same beach for nesting

even if the site had been redeveloped, destroyed by a sea defence or "a disc starts every time they come back", Dr Hall said.

At sea the animals, *Dermochelys coriacea*, become entangled in fishermen's nets, are hit by boats and harmed by pollution. "Like dolphins and whales, they are high up the food chain and vulnerable to pollution," Dr Hall said.

The new studies show that, from Mexiquillo down to Chiapas on the Pacific coast of Mexico, numbers are down to just 5,222 nests during the 1995 to 1996 season. The area

supports half the world's nesting population of leatherbacks.

At Mexiquillo, the researchers, using field surveys and aerial photography, found that the number of nests had fallen from more than 6,500 in 1984 to less than 500 in the 1995-1996 breeding season. Over that 12-year period, the annual rate of decline amounted to between a fifth and a half of the turtle population.

The scientists believe that a similar pattern of decline is occurring at other leatherback nesting sites which are less well monitored.

Lottery cash switch will help to fund arts professionals

By DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

LOTTERY money will be redirected to subsidise professional stage performances in a trial scheme being launched today.

Original rules said that arts groups could have grants only for building repairs, but there are growing fears that Britain could soon be littered with beautiful theatres standing empty. However, the switch has raised concern that Lottery money is being directed into an area where it might be used to replace Government spending.

The Lottery's new scheme will make about £5 million available to 15 companies for running costs in the first 12 months. The Arts Council of England is inviting applications from professional and amateur groups. Applicants must attract audiences or attendances of more than 25,000 a year.

Until now, Lottery money has been used to pay for buildings that had been neglected for decades and to construct new ones. The flow of money has led to a huge imbalance between running costs and capital costs. The Royal Court Theatre in London received £16 million to

redevelop its space, but says that it remains "poverty-stricken" as far as running costs go.

Arts companies applying under the new "stabilisation scheme" must have been trading for at least five years and must not have received a grant for building purposes.

The Royal Opera House, for example, would not be eligible, but the cash-strapped Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, whose musicians have taken pay cuts, would be able to apply.

A final figure for the scheme has yet to be confirmed. The estimate is £5 million, but it will be determined by the kind of group that applies.

Organisations which are increasingly forced to pare down their activities greeted the idea yesterday, while reiterating fears that it would provide the Government with an excuse to reduce funding. Jennifer Edwards, director of the National Campaign for the Arts, welcomed any offer of financial help but pointed out that £5 million was exactly the amount that the Treasury removed from the Arts Council's budget last year.

She said that, however much the Arts Council denied

creating a bail-out fund for debt-ridden companies, "I suspect that a lot of deficits will end up being paid off with this. The deficit on the theatre side in England is getting on for £7 million."

An Arts Council spokesman described it as an initiative to aid long-term strategies.

The council's secretary-general, Mary Allen, writing in today's *Times*, acknowledges that, although £500 million of Lottery money has been

shared among about 800 organisations, companies are struggling to meet running costs and pay off deficits. She asks: "Why is one amateur group receiving nearly £1 million for a new building, while the professional theatre down the road does not have the funds to reopen? The arts in Britain are currently suffering from economic schizophrenia."

"On the one hand, large sums of money are being spent on the capital infrastructure; on the other, we see increasing deficits, curtailed programmes and inhibited creativity."

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Bishop pays tribute to vicar's work

THE funeral service of the Rev Christopher Gray was held yesterday, near the spot where he was murdered in the grounds of his own church.

The Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev Sheppard, told mourners at St Margaret's church in Anfield that Mr Gray was "a centre of resistance" to the destructive forces of violence, fatalism and despair. Mr Gray, 32, was stabbed to death on August 13. A 31-year-old man has been charged with his murder.

About 300 mourners, including the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Frank Doran, and police officers working on the murder case crowded into the bright contemporary church where Mr Gray had made such an impression during his 15 months as vicar. A further 200 listened to the service via loudspeakers in the neighbouring parish centre.



Colleagues of Christopher Gray after the service at St Margaret's, Anfield

Unwanted girl put out with rubbish

By MICHAEL HORNSHILL

A NEWBORN baby girl was thrown down a rubbish chute by her mother and left to die because she was not a boy, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Oluwatomilade Oloko, 23, an illegal immigrant from Nigeria, was said to be suffering from postnatal depression and under cultural pressure to have a son. Careworkers had difficulty locating mother and child after they left hospital and police eventually found the two-day-old child wedged in the chute, covered by rubbish, at Oloko's home in Lambeth, south London.

Oloko, who is unmarried and also has an 18-month-old who is with foster parents, had wanted a boy to please her boyfriend, the court was told. The baby, who had not been given a name, was born at King's College Hospital, London, last December after the mother had earlier refused an abortion because the foetus was more than 20 weeks old.

Orlando Pownall, for the prosecution, said that nurses noted Oloko's lack of interest in the baby. He said: "When I told it was a girl she said, 'Oh no, I wanted a boy.' She was encouraged to cuddle the baby but held it at arm's length as if it were an inanimate object."

After taking the baby home by taxi to her second-floor flat, Oloko dumped her in the rubbish chute where she was caught in a blockage. Mr Pownall said: "The weather was very cold. The child would have survived for between three and five hours."

Oloko's plea of not guilty to murder was accepted after she pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of infanticide. Oloko, who arrived from Nigeria in 1994 using a false passport, is seeking asylum. An appeal against a refusal by the Home Office is pending.

Oloko was put on probation for two years on condition she has psychiatric treatment. Mr Justice Wright told her: "What you did was appalling and something I am sure you will never forget."

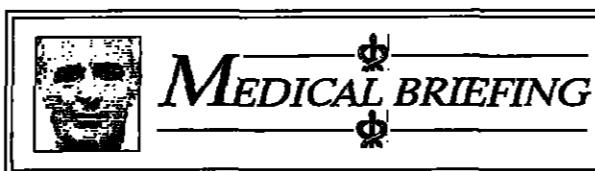
Doctors can do better than say: 'Keep taking the tablets'

PSYCHIATRISTS have few doubts that many of the recent much-publicised tragedies caused by patients discharged into the community result from a failure to take prescribed medication.

When I practised in Norfolk, one of my patients, a pleasant woman who lived peacefully with her village neighbours, was having long-term treatment for schizophrenia. She suffered hallucinations — when she saw the Virgin Mary — and bouts of depression, but was a bad pill swallower. Whenever she

stopped taking the main tranquillisers, her anguished husband would soon be throwing stones at my bedroom window to tell me that she was seeing visions. When she had forgotten the anti-depressants, she dissolved into uncontrollable weeping. Together, her husband and I managed to keep her at home and for many months at a time, so long as she was still taking her treatment, all went well.

Dr Tom Sensky, a consultant psychiatrist at the West Middlesex University Hospital



told a conference on schizophrenia at Beirse in Belgium yesterday that there was overwhelming evidence of the benefits to patients of taking regular maintenance therapy, and that failure to do so substantially increased the risk of relapse.

Although all doctors are

among people suffering from schizophrenia than among those with other chronic diseases. When, however, a paranoid schizophrenic fails to take treatment, the publicity that follows any relapse is rather greater than when a diabetic patient lapses into coma.

It is not surprising that schizophrenic patients are reluctant to take their treatment, and not all the blame can be attributed to lack of insight or other symptoms of the disease. Many of the drugs used to treat schizophrenia have

unpleasant side-effects, tolerate their personality, then to understand that medication is one of the ways in which this vulnerability can be reduced.

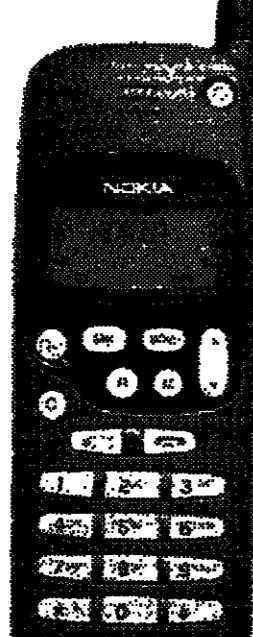
A major study into the results achieved by doctors who help patients and their relatives to understand each other, and the problems created by the disease, demonstrated that this approach produces much better compliance with treatment.

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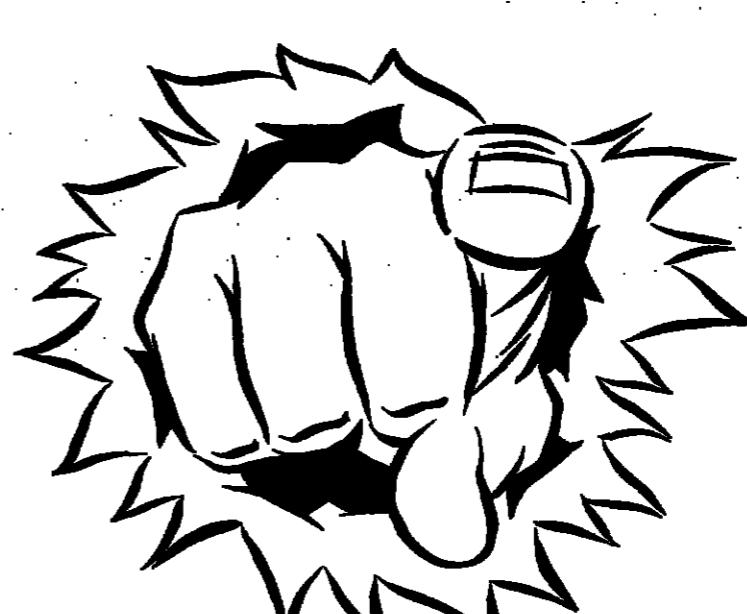
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Grandchildren of Sassoon died on brink of careers

By KATHRYN KNIGHT



THE two grandchildren of the war poet Siegfried Sassoon, who died in a car crash on the way home from a music festival, were on the threshold of successful artistic careers, friends said yesterday.

Tom Sassoon, 18, an actor, and his sister, Isobel, 21, an artist, were among six young friends who died when their car crashed head-on into a van early on Sunday. The pair had walked to the festival on Saturday but accepted a lift for the short journey home to Frome, Somerset. Isobel's boyfriend, Stephen Stokes, 22, Melanie, 17, Christopher Ashton, 19, and Charles Weale, 21, the driver, also died. Accident investigators are trying to establish why the car swerved across the carriageway.

Tom and Isobel were George Sassoon's children from his second marriage and lived with their mother, Susie. Mr Sassoon, the only son of the late war poet, was holidaying on the Isle of Mull with his third wife, Alison, at the weekend but immediately returned home to his flat in Sutton Veny.

Alison Sassoon said of her husband: "When you lose two of your children in one day it's too much. He's in a terrible state. We are still trying to come to terms with this."

Tom had recently won a place to study stage manage-

ment at the Bristol Old Vic theatre school and was preparing to move to the city. He had initially turned down the offer because he could not raise the £6,900 fees. But he was belatedly awarded a grant and had telephoned the school a few days ago to say that he would be starting this term.

Erika Newman, the school secretary said: "He was very presentable, good-looking and amiable, and also very talented. We were looking forward to having him here."

Isobel was a promising artist who made neds meet by working in a nearby service station. Both had been pupils at the Frome Community College. Barry Bates, the school's principal, said: "Tom and his family were very supportive of college activities. Tom was heavily involved in the drama

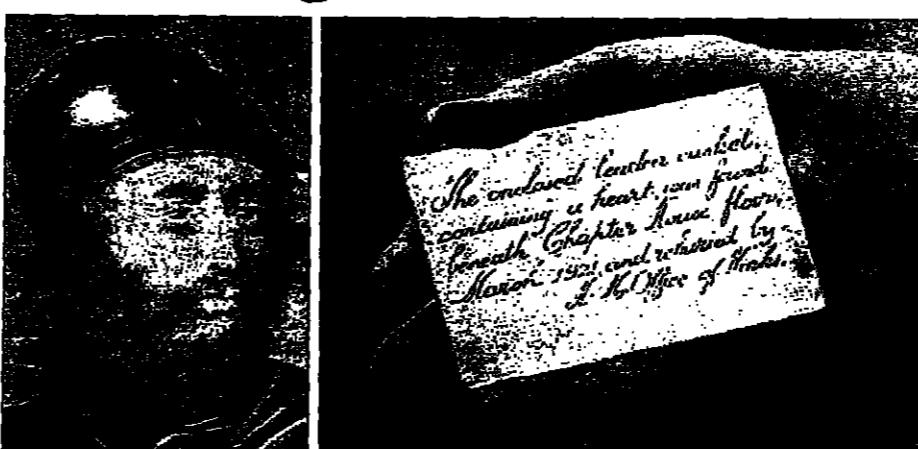


George Sassoon with Alison, his third wife

Siegfried Sassoon, born in 1886, distinguished himself as an infantry officer in the Royal Welch Fusiliers in Flanders during the First World War, but was celebrated for his poignant war poetry, inspired by the horrors of warfare in the trenches. He lived for much of his life at Heytesbury House, a Grade II listed Georgian mansion in Wiltshire which he bought in 1933. But his last few years were spent apart from his wife and were dogged by feuds with people he had once counted among his closest friends, including his fellow poet Robert Graves and the literary pair Osbert and Edith Sitwell.

After his father's death in 1967, George Sassoon struggled to maintain the 52-room mansion. He was forced to sell it in 1994 to help to pay off Lloyd's debts of £500,000. He had already had to auction family heirlooms, and burglars stripped the house bare.

Richard Welander, Historic Scotland's conservator of artifacts, who eased the casket from the modern cylinder,



Light falls on legend of Robert the Bruce

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

ONE of the most potent symbols of Scotland's heritage was exposed to the high-tech gaze of the 20th century in Edinburgh yesterday.

On a laboratory table beneath harsh strip-lighting and fibre-optic probes, two scientists inched open a lead cylinder to reveal an ancient medieval casket buried 650 years ago and thought to contain the embalmed heart of Scotland's legendary King, Robert the Bruce.

The 24-hour operation was the climax of five days of speculation, which began when archaeologists excavating the ruins of Melrose Abbey in the Borders dug up a lead container from a shallow trench. They knew that in 1921 their predecessors had excavated and reburied a 14th-century casket containing a mummified heart believed to be that of the hero of Bannockburn.

Richard Welander, Historic Scotland's conservator of artifacts, who eased the casket from the modern cylinder,

said: "I am elated and exhausted. This is a point where history and archaeology meet. It is something to tell my grandchildren."

The casket will now be taken to a laboratory for dating tests and conservation work, but it will not be opened. When the tests are complete, it will be returned to Melrose Abbey and reburied. Doreen Grove, Historic Scotland's inspector of monu-

ments, said: "We know from the 1921 records that this casket contains a mummified heart and, as far as we know, Robert the Bruce's heart is the only one buried at Melrose." She said that current DNA tests on the human remains would not be accurate enough to identify the heart positively as that of the Bruce.

Earlier, three holes had been drilled into the outer lead cylinder and a fibre-optic

probe placed inside to view the contents. The pictures relayed to television monitors disclosed a pale yellow object and a piece of paper. It was a humble hacksaw that was eventually used to remove one end of the lead tube. Then it took a further one and a quarter hours to remove the casket completely, together with the piece of paper.

What emerged was a pale yellow metal cone weighing

2lb and standing just 9½ in high. The paper turned out to be wrapping for a copper plaque inscribed with a message from the 1921 archaeologists. It read: "The enclosed leaden casket, containing a heart, was found beneath Chapter House floor March 1921 and reburied by [unclear] of the Office of Works."

Robert the Bruce's dying wish in 1329 was that his heart be cut out of his body and taken to the Holy Land by his friend, Sir James Douglas, who had fought with him at Bannockburn in 1314. But it never made it there. Legend has it that the heart got only as far as Spain, carried by Douglas in a lead cone-shaped casket and brandished to inspire crusaders fighting the Moors.

It is said that, during one battle, Douglas hurled the casket into the fray and dived in after it to his death. The casket was found on the battlefield and returned to Scotland to be buried at Melrose, 60 miles from where Bruce's body lies, in Dunfermline Abbey.

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Closure threat to hospital on day it opens

By RUSSELL JENKINS

THE first children's hospital to be built in England this century opened its doors yesterday under the threat of closure in a fresh round of NHS cost-cutting.

Derbyshire Children's Hospital, which cost £17.5 million to build and equip, boasts child-friendly services and replaces its austere, crumbling Victorian ancestor with a colourful, purpose-built complex. The new 77-bed hospital, which children helped to design, is under threat because of a £10 million funding crisis at

Southern Derbyshire Health Authority. One option to solve it is a proposal that would entail closing the hospital and the adjoining Derby City hospital incorporating the services on one site at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary.

The crisis failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the new hospital's supporters, who have raised nearly £1.5 million through The Kite Appeal to realise a 34-year-old dream of replacing the old hospital. Liam Barry, aged seven, undergoing treatment for the rare genetic disorder Vater syndrome, officially

marked the opening when he and his brother James arrived by helicopter and transferred to a model electric car which they drove through a paper "Welcome" banner into the reception area.

Jim Lovett, its business manager, said that the hospital was "extremely optimistic" about the long-term future. "These proposals have gone out to general consultation. The reaction of the public will have a massive influence on what eventually is decided. We are confident that the hospital will stay open."

It took two years to build, has the

most advanced paediatric equipment in the country and can treat 35,000 patients a year. Ten patients were transferred by ambulance over the weekend from the old hospital and yesterday business was described as "hectic".

The old building in North Street, completed in 1877, was one of the last Victorian hospitals built specifically for children. The unwelcoming Nightingale wards had metal beds, each with its own coal fire. Derby City bucks a trend to incorporate children's facilities into large adult hospitals where the

costly technology to combat cancers and other diseases are on hand.

Michael Thornton, chairman of The Kite Appeal, said that the dream had been to create the country's finest hospital for children. Design consultants went to schools and community groups to ask children what they wanted.

They demanded child-height reception desks, swinging hospital doors and bedroom windows that they could see through. They hated the meandering corridors of older NHS hospitals. They wanted the hospital to be an extension of the

playroom. The wards are painted with sea, shore and jungle themes. Toys are in abundance.

Patients will be allowed to drive themselves on the electric car into the operating theatre, decorated with a dolphin theme. James Kempton, secretary of the College of Paediatrics and Child Health, said: "It is very bright and cheerful and everything is the right size for children. The most important thing is that the children's hospital is close to the neo-natal wards, where babies can be born and treated in the early weeks on the same site."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man jailed for abusing boys in care

A social worker has been jailed for five years for abusing three boys in his care. Geoffrey Morris, 41, of Llandaff, Cardiff, indecently assaulted the boys, aged 12, 15 and 16, while working at a council-run home. Cardiff Crown Court was told that Morris molested one boy as his mother slept in the same room and assaulted another on a visit to his father's grave. He admitted two charges of indecency with a child and five of indecent assault.

Drug killing

Mark Sayer, a 22-year-old drug dealer, was killed when he opened his door to a gunman, who also shot dead his dog. The killer then walked down two streets in Redcar to his getaway car, police said.

Change of note

The Bank of England has issued a reminder that old-style £50 notes, featuring Sir Christopher Wren, cease to be legal tender from September 20. The newer note, showing Sir John Houblon and a silver rose, is harder to forge.

Robbery mix-up

A long-haired antiques dealer was knocked out and robbed by a thug who mistook him for a woman. He had pulled off the M4 near Chippenham to check a tyre when a van pulled up and someone said: "Are you all right love?"

IRA haul found

Detectives hunting IRA bombers have uncovered nearly £1 million of stolen property. The goods, including drugs, cars and medical equipment, were found in a series of raids on lock-up garages in south London.

Romanians held

Four men and a woman, all believed to be illegal immigrants from Romania, were arrested after they were seen acting suspiciously near the ferry terminal in Portsmouth. They were later questioned by immigration officials.

Woman raped

A woman was raped in Dudley after chasing a mugger who stole her handbag. The 51-year-old woman pursued the thief for about 200 yards before he turned, punched her repeatedly in the face and raped her.

Runner's rescue

Eddie Crispin, 34, who was out running, plunged into the sea at Southsea to rescue Richard Compton, 65, and Melvin Greenstreet, 41, after hearing cries for help. They had been in the water for 11 hours after their boat sank.

Parents bombed in row between hardline loyalists

By NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

AN ELDERLY couple who narrowly escaped injury when a bomb was thrown through their living-room window in Belfast have blamed the attack on loyalist paramilitaries who have threatened to kill their son.

Alex Kerr, 60, and his wife, June, 61, were in the room watching television at the time of the attack. They insisted yesterday that the bombers would not force them from their home in the Finaghy area of the city.

The Combined Loyalist Military Command threatened last week to kill Alex Kerr Jr and Billy Wright, two hardline loyalists, unless they left Northern Ireland within 72 hours. Both have opposed the current loyalist ceasefire, declared in October 1994.

Mr Kerr, 35, who is on remand in prison facing terrorist charges, was told to leave the Province as soon as he was released. Mr Wright, remaining in his home town of Portadown, Co Armagh, in defiance of the threat.

Mr Kerr Sr and his wife were in no doubt that the loyalist command had attacked them because they could not reach their son. Mr Kerr said: "They couldn't get my son, they couldn't get Billy Wright. So they went for an easy target. The people who came here came to murder our family."

The couple were treated in hospital for shock. Mr Kerr said: "My wife had just walked back into the living



Heavyweight contenders from the three main parties measured up for a parliamentary sponsored slim yesterday. Labour's Bruce George, left, Charles Kennedy of the Liberal Democrats, centre, and the Tory Michael Mates will be checked weekly in the ten-week contest. The early favourite was Mr George, the bulkiest entrant at 20 stone, who described himself as a serial eater who had not tried dieting for 20 years

Drunkenness a state of mind

By NIGEL HAWKES

SCIENCE EDITOR

THE idea that a person's alcohol consumption may be determined by the brain chemical serotonin is supported by an American scientific team's experiments on genetically engineered mice.

The researchers found that mice lacking the ability to create serotonin willingly drank more alcohol but appeared to get less drunk than

normal mice. Earlier work has shown that violent alcoholics have lowered levels of serotonin, and that serotonin-enhancing drugs reduce the amount that they drink.

A team led by Dr John Crabbe of Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland then offered the mice alcohol and watched them binge. The mutant mice typically drank twice as much as other mice, readily drinking mixtures of up to 20 per cent ethanol in water, which is roughly equivalent to a whisky and water.

The scientists report in *Nature Genetics* that they compared the unsteadiness of the mutant and the wild-type mice by putting them in a cage with a mesh floor and observing the number of times their paws went through the mesh and made contact with a steel plate below. Although both types showed a loss of co-ordination after drinking, it was much smaller in the mutant mice.

Serotonin is strongly linked to mood. Low levels have been found in violent men, and the mutant mice used in the experiments were also unusually aggressive. But the findings do not imply that alcoholism or violence in humans is genetically determined. Research has shown that life experience, such as a disturbed childhood, can have profound effects on serotonin levels.

Scientists identify adult diabetes gene

By OUR SCIENCE EDITOR

SCIENTISTS have discovered a gene involved in the development of adult diabetes, a disease affecting more than 100 million people worldwide.

A team from the Whitehead Institute for Medical Research in Cambridge, Massachusetts, studied 26 families from an isolated region of Finland.

They included 120 people who had developed diabetes late in life and 97 who had not.

By searching the DNA of all 217 people, the team found differences on chromosomes 12 which they believe is the gene causing a predisposition to a form of diabetes that tends to develop in people in their fifties.

The condition is usually controlled by diet and does not require daily insulin injections. The team, which reports the finding in *Nature Genetics*, hopes that the discovery might help to explain how the disease develops and provide improved treatment.

□ A company developing a way of giving diabetes insulin by mouth has reported progress. Cortecs said that an oral formula introduced into the small intestine by tube raised the blood plasma level of insulin. An attempt is made to reproduce the effect using tablets. Patients with insulin-dependent diabetes at present need daily injections.

Michael Flynn, head of Cortecs International, based in Isleworth, west London, said the results were encouraging and indicated that an oral insulin product might be made. However, he added that there were a number of steps to be taken before that could happen.

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By A STAFF REPORTER

A CHANGE of image beckoned yesterday for Britain's growing ranks of temporary staff. Management consultants said they should now be known as "complementary workers".

In an age where the personnel department has become a matter of human resources and the canteen has become the staff restaurant, the latest name change is intended to ditch the image of "temps" and "casuals" as the also-rans of the workplace.

In a report commissioned by the employment agency Manpower, the consultants Corfield Wright said that calling someone a temp when they were really an implant or an outsource was insulting. The term "casual" hardly conveyed the full weight of the role's "interdependent relationship" and "strategic flexibility". The report is supported by BT, IBM, American Express, Boots, NatWest, Rank Xerox, the BBC, Royal Hospitals NHS Trust and a handful of trade unions.

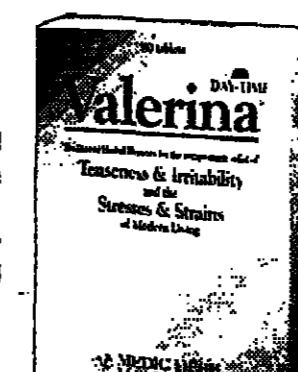
Temporary staff now make up 7.7 per cent of Britain's workforce, largely due to the recession and firms being unwilling to keep as many permanent staff. Iain Herberman, the Manpower director, said: "This sort of working is here to stay."

Opponents claim that the number of "complementary" staff has grown by 25 per cent since 1992 because companies get them cheaper and do not have to offer them the same job security and benefits as permanent workers.

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Kurdish group says it was forced to call on Baghdad after US ignored pleas for help

Puzzle for West over right reply to Saddam

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein's weekend excursion into Arbil was carefully designed to boost his image and confound the West, which has been left struggling to find an appropriate response.

By seizing the city from the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, a faction supported by Iran, Saddam's move had even coincided with certain Western interests which are opposed to Iran's growing influence in northern Iraq, diplomats said.

"So far, apart from the PUK, Iran is the real loser in this," an Arab envoy said. "The problem is... Saddam seems to be the winner. His forces have pulled out of the safe haven and the legal waters were already muddled because, unlike the invasion of Kuwait, they were operating inside Iraqi territory."

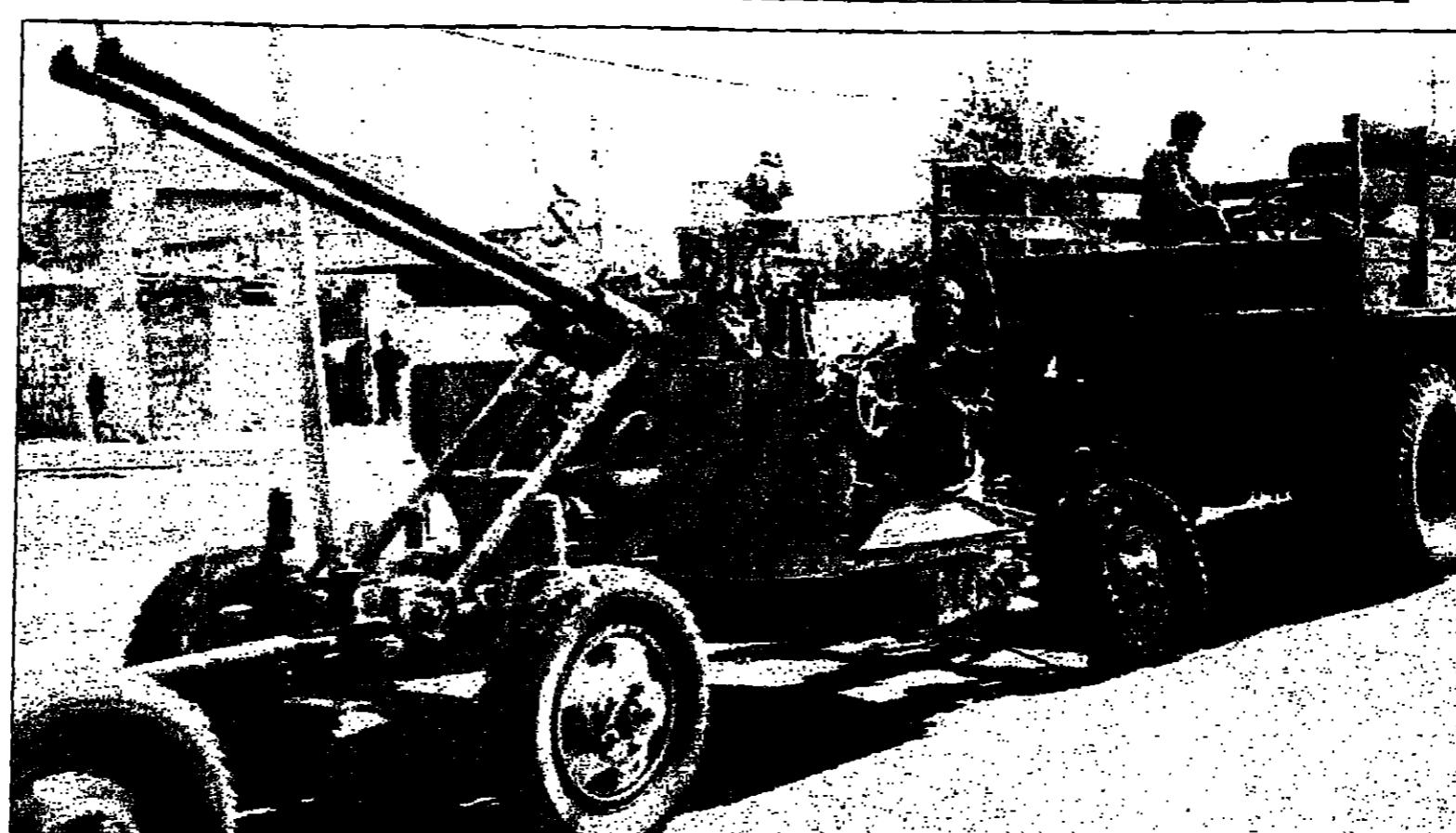
If Saddam keeps his forces out of the safe area, allied military attacks might be considered too harsh and economic moves may do more damage to the Iraqi people than to their Government, he added. The suspension of a United Nations oil-for-food deal, due to begin this month,

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was also unlikely to upset the Iraqi leader because it was to be monitored by hundreds of UN observers whose presence he feared.

Arbil was left under the nominal control of the rival Kurdistan Democratic Party whose leader, Massoud Barzani, has a history of being pro-American. The KDP justified its collusion with Saddam by saying its pleas for America to support counter-Iran's presence in PUK-held areas went unheeded. Iran, which hoped to ensure any future regime in Baghdad would not be pro-American, has used the power vacuum in northern Iraq to extend its influence through a wide network of humanitarian missions and intelligence bureaux.

Mr Barzani is also looked upon favourably by Washington's ally, Turkey, which has successfully sought his co-operation in curbing Turkey's Kurdish separatist rebels who launch cross-border raids from bases inside northern Iraq. Ankara has also been encouraged by Mr Barzani's



A Kurdish Democratic Party fighter celebrates the capture of Arbil as he arrives in Salahuddin yesterday on a gun taken during fighting

refusal to call for an independent Kurdish state in northern Iraq which it fears would encourage the ambitions of its own Kurds. Mr Barzani has always supported the notion of a federal democratic Iraq.

"Saddam must realise the wise thing for him is to pull out of Kurdistan now and leave Barzani in effective control of the north," an Iraqi dissident living in Jordan said. "Although Saddam will leave his secret police in the city, Barzani will never be his puppet. They can reach some accommodation that could bring a degree of stability to

northern Iraq. How can America oppose that?"

The fact that there has been no mass exodus of refugees from Arbil suggested that most residents were confident that the KDP was in control of the city, UN sources said. However, Iraqi opposition groups claimed that Saddam's secret police had carried out mass executions and atrocities in the city. "If they thought Saddam was going to hold on to Arbil, they would have fled," one UN source said.

A European diplomat in Jordan said that, despite the setback to Iran, "there is still

an overwhelming need to show Saddam he cannot challenge the Gulf War allies with total impunity. There will be a response. We do want to see accommodation between the Kurds and Baghdad, but it is hard to be positive about it when the ruler in Baghdad is Saddam Hussein."

When the allies established the Kurdish safe area after the Gulf War, they hoped it would become the base for different opposition groups to launch a concerted campaign against Saddam.

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Dole says Clinton fooled by Iraqi military trickery

FROM IAN BRODIE
IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE ripped into President Clinton's handling of the Iraq crisis amid evidence yesterday that the Pentagon had been caught short by President Saddam Hussein's attack on Arbil.

To the irritation of the White House, Mr Dole said it should be no surprise that Iraqi troops stormed the UN safe area for Kurds in northern Iraq. "Saddam has been testing American leadership and finding it lacking," the Republican presidential challenger said to applause at the National Guard Association convention in Washington.

He ridiculed Al Gore, the Vice-President, for saying the situation needed to be studied before any action was taken. "We don't need to analyse Saddam's actions. We need to condemn them," Mr Dole

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denounced Mr Clinton for allowing the split in the Kurdish community to occur, for relaxing Iraqi oil sanctions so that Baghdad could buy food, and for ignoring warnings that Saddam might invade the north.

On this last issue, Pentagon officials admitted that American intelligence did underestimate the size and intention of troop movements in the run-up to the election. Certainly his gibe were roundly attacked by Lem Panetta, White House chief of staff, who said electioneering should end at the water's edge so that America could speak to Saddam with one voice.

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asking why Washington did not have more notice of the attack. John Warner, a senator on the armed services committee, wanted to know why the Administration had failed to alert America's allies before Saddam's troops crossed the 36th parallel.

Mr Dole runs the risk of annoying voters by criticising the President over his handling of an overseas crisis to make political points in the run-up to the election. Certainly his gibe were roundly attacked by Lem Panetta, White House chief of staff, who said electioneering should end at the water's edge so that America could speak to Saddam with one voice.

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Urgent call for talks with allies

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN called yesterday for urgent talks with its allies, especially France, over the United States, over the Iraqi incursion into Arbil.

Speaking during a visit to Japan, Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, refused to speculate on what measures

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Britain might take against Iraq. Various ideas were being considered, he said.

Mr Rifkind indicated that British aircraft may be used against President Saddam Hussein in northern Iraq, but said it was unlikely that British troops would be sent in. Six Tornados based at Incirlik, on the Turkish-Syrian border, are said to be

standing by. In an attempt to undermine President Saddam Hussein's drive to boost his proxy control over the northern Kurdish enclave, Israeli representatives have since the 1991 Gulf War held secret contacts with the two contesting Iraqi Kurdish factions.

The disclosure of the shadowy but abortive mediation talks was made yesterday by the Tel Aviv paper *Haaretz*, which secured confirmation from Yitzhak Shamir, the former right-wing Likud Prime Minister, that he ordered the opening of the contacts. These were later continued under the Labour Government of Yitzhak Rabin which came to power in 1992.

Mr Shamir, now in retirement in Jerusalem, said that Israel tried to mediate differences between the two factions, the Patriotic Union of

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Kurdistan, led by Jalal Talabani, and the Democratic Kurdish Party, led by Massoud Barzani, but that these endeavours had failed.

"To my regret," the former Prime Minister said, "no serious political connection, like the one which obtained through the 1960s and 70s, until Henry Kissinger sold the Kurds, was created."

Mr Shamir was referring to a deal worked out by the then United States Secretary of State, according to which America forced the Shah of Iran to desist from providing support to the Kurdish rebellion.

Because of this policy, the military assistance which Israel had been offering to the Kurdish forces was brought to a halt.

Haaretz revealed that the secret contacts had been aimed at capitalising on the allied victory in the Gulf War and the establishment of a safe area in northern Iraq for the benefit of Israel, which had kept out of the Gulf conflict despite being hit by nearly 40 Scud missiles fired at random civilian targets from inside Iraq.

In addition to mediation, the Israeli efforts were also intended to boost contact with declared enemies of Saddam. *Haaretz* said that the failed attempt at mediation were also carried out by US officials, mainly CIA agents, who also gave Israel the green light for its attempts at secret meetings in a number of locations, including London and Paris.

These CIA officials made great efforts, in autonomous Kurdish areas and also in Europe and America, the paper said. "But the clan and tribe-based hostility which has separated the two groups for a number of years proved to be too strong."

Spanish amnesty for immigrants

Madrid: Jaime Mayor Oreja, the Spanish Interior Minister, said that more than 24,000 illegal immigrants, the majority Moroccan, will be given residency papers under a one-off regularisation programme which ran between April in August. In total, 24,389 illegal immigrants applied. The scheme is in marked contrast to the tough anti-immigration line adopted by France. (AFP)

Berlin palace gate rammed

Berlin: A man rammed his Volkswagen Golf through the iron gate of the German presidential Bellevue palace here and demanded to talk to President Herzog, police said.

The 34-year-old driver drove 50 yards past security guards up to the palace portal, where he was arrested. The President slept through it all. (AP)

Détente ahoy

Pusan, South Korea: Waving their white caps in greeting, South Korean sailors welcomed two Japanese warships into port — the first to visit since the Second World War — signalling warmer ties between the two Asian adversaries. (Reuters)

Cave buries Neanderthal man's brutish image

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN
IN MADRID

NEANDERTHAL man was rather a civilised creature, according to intriguing evidence uncovered by a team of Spanish archaeologists at Capellades, 35 miles northeast of Barcelona.

The discovery, by scientists from Tarragona's Rovira i Virgili University, should lay to rest the popular view of the Neanderthal as a skulking brute who did little else but harrumph and then feast on the other mammals who lived alongside him. Equally, it should strengthen the view that "modern man" — *Homo sapiens* — was not the product of an evolutionary leap: as many archaeologists still

believe, but only a gentle step up the ladder from the much maligned Neanderthal.

The key to the Spanish archaeologists' thesis lies in 15 furnaces recently unearthed, dating back 53,000 years. The team, led by Professor Eudald Carbonell, believes that these furnaces are proof that Neanderthal man possessed a skill level far more advanced than he has so far been given credit for.

Archaeologists have known that Neanderthal man used fire extensively, as there is evidence of ash and scorched earth at most sites corresponding to his period. Yet the furnaces at Capellades are of a hitherto unknown technological dimension, with each serving a different function

according to its size. Some were used as ovens for cooking, others as hearths to generate heat. Many served as rudimentary blast furnaces to build and shape tools and utensils. The team has found an astonishing variety of stone and bone tools neatly arranged by the furnaces, as well as the most extensive traces of wooden utensils unearthed at a Neanderthal site.

This last discovery has been described as "remarkable", as the perishable nature of wood has meant that little evidence survives of its use in prehistoric times. According to Manuel Vaquero, a member of Professor Carbonell's team, the furnaces "give us an important insight into how Neanderthal man used the space around

him, of how he arranged his community life". Señor Vaquero said: "The site at Capellades tells us that he organised his life to a great extent around these furnaces, suggesting that he was spatially settled to a high degree. We believe that the Neanderthals had, by the Middle Paleolithic Age, begun actively to adapt their surroundings to their own needs."

More than half of the Capellades site is still to be studied. Some of it dates back more than 80,000 years. The site, the most important Neanderthal "cave study" in Europe, is believed by experts to match the caves of as-Skhul on Mount Carmel and Jabal Qafzah in Galilee for the richness of its archaeological treasures.

Prehistoric pine trees go on sale

FROM ROGER MAYNARD
IN SYDNEY

COMING soon to a garden centre near you — the Jurassic tree. Saplings from Australia's Wollemi Pine, which is linked to a species at least 14 million years old, have gone on display at Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens before being offered for sale in nurseries here and, eventually, in Britain.

A handful of the rare seedlings will be sent to Kew Gardens in London and Edinburgh's Botanic Gardens next year prior to the plant's commercial exploitation.

The Wollemi Pine, so rare that experts liken it to finding a surviving dinosaur, was discovered in an isolated forest in bushland in the Blue



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Colombia fights back as guerrillas launch fiercest raids in decades



Pacho Herrera, centre, with his lawyer and a soldier

BY GABRIELLA GAMINI
SOUTH AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

COLOMBIA'S security forces launched a counter-offensive yesterday against the worst wave of violence unleashed by left-wing guerrillas in 40 years, in which at least 100 people have been killed.

More than 50,000 soldiers were deployed to rainforest areas of south-east Colombia, where in the past two days rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and the National Liberation Army (ELN) have launched their most concerted offensive in decades.

Since late on Saturday guerrillas have attacked 26 villages across 13

states, destroying military bases, police stations and public buildings. Government officials said that the people killed were mainly members of the security forces and rebels, but included 20 civilians.

The worst attack was on Sunday, when 500 FARC rebels surrounded the Las Delicias army base in Putumayo state, burnt alive the soldiers they captured, and forced others to walk over minefields. Officials say that 27 conscripts were killed in the surprise attack on the remote army base surrounded by jungle.

Left-wing rebel activity was at its height in Colombia in the 1970s, as in much of South America, but it had

subsided in past decades to occasional skirmishes in remote areas. The recent co-ordinated offensive appears to be in retaliation for a recent government clampdown on peasants who grow the coca leaf that is the basis of cocaine.

President Samper's Government has come under increasing international pressure in the past month to tackle the production of drugs and has launched a crop-eradication programme in coca-growing areas, triggering violent protests by campesinos (peasants) who refuse to give up their lucrative crop.

The FARC and ELN seem to have taken up the coca-growers' cause and are concentrating their attacks in the

rainforest region which is where most of the coca is grown and most of the cocaine produced. There is concern that rebel groups are being funded by drug cartels to act as their "protection armies".

"The civil war which we had hoped

was a thing of the past is rapidly

reviving," General Jorge Arturo

Pinela, chief of the national police.

President Samper said yesterday

that his Government would not give

way to pressure from rebels and said

that the campaign to destroy coca

plantations would continue. Señor

Samper has been under increasing

pressure for reform in the past year, a

year in which he has faced allega-

tions that he accepted donations from

the Cali cartel to fund his 1994

election campaign. His security forces have intensified their

anti-drugs campaign, especially

against the Cali cartel which controls

80 per cent of the world's cocaine

traffics.

As the violence in the southeast of

the country worsened yesterday, the

Government failed to make much of

the news that the last of the top seven

Cali drug cartel bosses had surren-

dered to the authorities. Helmer

Herrera Buitrago, 45, better known

as Pacho Herrera, is believed to have

given himself up in the hope that he

can negotiate a reduced jail

sentence.

Chechen victor doubts if pact can survive

FROM ANTHONY LOVY
IN GROZNY



Aslan Maskhadov, commander of the Chechen guerrilla army and the man most responsible for the Russians' battlefield humiliations, smiles just once as he marks the latest Russian positions on the map of Grozny.

After three days without sleep, culminating in an apparent deal on Saturday with the Kremlin's special envoy, General Aleksandr Lebed, he looks exhausted. Away from the jubilant public scenes that greeted the conclusion of his latest agreement with the Russians, bidden by General Lebed as the one that "ends the war with Chechnya", he seems despondent about the chances of the Russian military honouring its word and leaving his country.

But the map amuses him. Across its furthest southern line, delineating a tiny sliver of the city, are faded markings. In February last year, in a basement in southern Grozny, all but surrounded by Russian forces and under heavy bombardment, Colonel Maskhadov drew those positions on my map to show the overwhelming disposition of his enemies and the desperate military situation he faced.

Later that night, facing renewed and massive attack, he and his headquarters group had left the falling city in small bands. I remember well the flames and smoke; the Chechen fighters hiding in the snow as a tank rumbled past.

"The Russians are little children if they think we shall stop fighting now," Colonel Maskhadov had said then. "We shall not stop until they leave."

Now he draws new markings on the same map. They are as tiny and inconsequential as the ones before: isolated blocks surrounded and alone. But these are Russian positions, not Chechen: all that are left after Colonel Maskhadov's lightning attack last month retook and held Grozny. By Saturday, according to the deal he agreed with General Lebed, they too will have gone from the city. Maybe.

Colonel Maskhadov, 46, has deep reservations about the prospects for peace and appears far from convinced that the fighting has ended. "Lebed is new to the political situation," he says. "The Russians that dealt with us before were liars and we could not trust them. Maybe Lebed is different."

"Our victory so far is given to us first by Allah, then by our guerrilla tactics and thirdly by our fighters. If Lebed does all he says he will, then there may be time for peace. It is a big if".



Maskhadov: "We could not trust the Russians"

Private wedding for Amy Carter

Washington: Former President Jimmy Carter's daughter Amy, 28, exchanged marriage vows with James Wentzel, 27, in a private ceremony near the former First Family's home in Plains, Georgia.

"We are all happy. The bride and groom are now husband and wife," Mr Carter said after the 15-minute service on Sunday at the Pond House, where his late mother, Lillian, used to fish.

Mr Wentzel is a computer consultant at the University of New Orleans. The bride is working on her master's degree in art history at Tulane University. She will keep her maiden name.

Perot stands alone as support slides

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

ROSS PEROT launched his latest campaign for the presidency with a 30-minute television "infomercial", but his interest in the job has no interest in the job. Nor does Mr Perot's running-mate in the 1992 election, James Stockdale, a retired vice-admiral and former Vietnam prisoner of war, said: "I wish him well, but I want Bob Dole to be President."

Mr Perot's first "infomercial" was the familiar mixture of tedious charts and homespun metaphors intended to prove that the Democratic and Republican parties are hostage to special interests and are "driving America into bankruptcy".

The same message drew 19 per cent of the vote in 1992, but now Mr Perot is registering less than 10 per cent in the polls. His ratings are so low that the bipartisan commission organising presidential debates says he lacks any realistic chance of being elected and wants to reject his request to be allowed on the same stage as Mr Dole and President Clinton.

Guevara 'smear' on left-wing writer

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

REGIS DEBRAY, the French intellectual who fomented Marxist revolution alongside Ernesto "Che" Guevara in the 1960s, has accused the Cuban Government of launching a smear campaign against him, after the daughter of the legendary guerrilla leader claimed that the Frenchman was directly responsible for her father's death.

M. Debray, now 56, was imprisoned by the Bolivian Army in April 1967, just six months before Guevara was captured and shot by the Bolivian forces.

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Suu Kyi defies Burma junta's arrest threat

A CHEERFUL and apparently undaunted Aung San Suu Kyi, who was released last year after six years of house arrest, said in Rangoon yesterday that her possible re-arrest would be "no problem at all", though this time she might be put in the infamous Insein prison "which would be a new and interesting experience".

The 51-year-old Nobel peace laureate was speaking at a time of mounting tension here, with a new wave of arrests and harsh prison sentences meted out to her National League for Democracy (NLD) supporters, including a close personal assistant and a bodyguard.

The NLD won the 1990 elections by a landslide, but was not allowed to take power. Last night a military intelligence spokesman accused Daw Suu Kyi of "collaborating with subversives".

In an interview with *The Times*, Daw Suu Kyi said she did not worry about her personal security because there was no point in making elaborate security arrangements. But there are other things I can do something about, so I would rather give my attention to that.

It is not bravado or anything like that. I suppose I am just rather down to earth and I just don't see the point to this worry."

Told that foreign diplomats here were expressing concern about her health, saying she seemed tired and strained since the new drive against her party, Daw Suu Kyi gave



James Pringle talks to Burma's opposition leader in Rangoon and finds her spirit is still undaunted

a ringing laugh. "Actually the reason why I think I am more tired these days than I have been is my lack of self-discipline, because I acquired a whole lot of interesting books and really I should not be reading late at night, I should just go to sleep."

Reflecting on politics and on recent discussions with friends, she said she took the Buddhist view that nothing was unchanging in the world.

"To think otherwise is a lot

of nonsense, politically speaking, but particularly from a Buddhist point of view it is very silly because we think everything is impermanent and things are changing all the time."

Asked whether the leaders of Slor, the ruling military junta, may have been affected by the death sentence passed on former President Chun Doo Hwan, the former ruler of South Korea, she said: "I am afraid these events do not really help us too much in this country. Such trials and sentences make the authorities here and dictators everywhere else extremely nervous."

They probably think we have to cling on to power for ever and ever otherwise we

NLD supporters, who say this would lead to loss of income for small tourism workers, she showed a hint of a somewhat more impudent attitude. "It is true that some will be hurt but I am afraid it cannot be helped. We all have to put up with some hardship. We have to make sacrifices in order to get where we want to."

Referring to the arrests, harsh prison sentences and sometimes torture of friends and colleagues, she said: "I don't feel exposed. I suppose I have to say as a good Buddhist I believe that in the end you have nobody to rely on but yourself. It is only your own deeds that will decide what will happen to you."

Asked about her call for a foreign tourist boycott of Burma, she said she would like to see this during the so-called "Visit Myanmar Year" beginning on November 18 through the end of the dry season next April. "We would like people to keep away precisely during these months as a demonstration of solidarity."

With reference to the concern of some Burmese, even



Aung San Suu Kyi, ignoring government warnings, addresses a rally outside her home

Democracy heroine accused of subversion

DISPLAYING its usual paranoia, Burma's military junta accused the country's pro-democracy leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, yesterday of collaborating with subversives. Apparently it was setting the scene, diplomats in Rangoon said, for moving against the Nobel peace laureate when it felt the moment was right (James Pringle writes).

Colonel Kyaw Thein, a military intelligence officer, told a press conference held by the ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council that Daw Suu Kyi, who was released last July from six years of house arrest, and other members of her political party, the National League for Democracy (NLD), had accepted subversive materials and conspired with outlawed parties composed of expatriate Burmese citizens.

They included an exile group based in Washington and 19 members of her party recently arrested for contact with exiled Burmese in India. Western envoys say they cannot rule out the re-arrest of Daw Suu Kyi in future.

Tourists burnt in acid waste accident

FROM RICHARD OWEN
IN ROME

HOLIDAYMAKERS at a beachside chalet complex were badly burnt yesterday when a tanker carrying sulphuric acid waste overturned on a coast road above the beach, sending what witnesses described as "a tide of acid sludge" surging through the chalets below and into the sea.

The accident took place at one in the morning, when most of the holidaymakers were asleep. A father and son, who were sitting on their chalet balcony watching television, were hit directly by the acid waste and suffered severe burns.

Francesco Valerio, 40, and his 12-year-old son, Giorgio, were being treated in intensive care at a hospital in Gaeta. Doctors said they had extensive burns and were in a "serious condition". A dozen other holidaymakers also needed treatment for burns and police said a hotel and restaurant near by had to be evacuated after staff and residents were overcome by the acid fumes.

Emergency services and anti-pollution specialists rushed to the beach at Sperlonga, on the Lazio coast between Rome and Naples. Police said the lorry had been transporting acid waste from Naples to a disposal plant at Alessandria in northern Italy.

The lorry had skidded and overturned while trying to overtake another lorry on a bridge. Nearly 23 tonnes of toxic waste poured out of the tanker and on to the beach. The tanker driver was trapped in the cab and had to be freed by rescue services.

Environmentalists said the accident was a "tragic illustration" of the dangers of transporting toxic waste through populated areas. Sperlonga is a popular resort noted for its clean beaches.

Japan and Britain link up as partners

BY MICHAEL BINOVIN
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN and Japan yesterday signed a ground-breaking "Action Agenda for a Special Partnership", committing both countries to unprecedented levels of co-operation in world affairs, economic issues and in fostering closer links between Europe and Asia.

The agenda, signed in Tokyo by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and Yukio Ikeda, the Japanese Foreign Minister, sets a formal seal on Britain's growing political and trade ties with its G7 partner. It promises to "enrich bilateral relations" well into the next century, and lays out a blueprint for giving life to hopes for the promotion of world peace, the opening up of multilateral trade and the exchange of ideas, culture and young people.

The two countries announced a series of initiatives in peacekeeping, the reconstruction of Bosnia-Herzegovina, nuclear non-proliferation and reform of the United Nations. Britain commits itself to strong support for permanent Japanese membership of the UN Security Council. The two countries will hold joint foreign policy and defence seminars.

France's star-crossed chefs land in the soup

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A SECOND restaurant with three Michelin stars has crashed to earth and announced it is closing down, just six months after the first such closure rocked the French culinary world.

Marc Veyrat, a celebrated chef who runs the three-star restaurant Auberge L'Eridan, near Annecy, yesterday announced

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Continuing his account of Jackie Onassis's early life, her cousin John Davis recalls her teenage battles

Why the deb of the year kept men at bay

Not long after Jacqueline entered Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York, in the fall of 1947, Cholly Knickerbocker, the Hearst papers' syndicated gossip columnist, nominated her Debutante of the Year.

The Cholly Knickerbocker nomination brought more annoyance than blessings. At 18, Jacqueline was sure enough of herself not to need an ego trip from a gossip columnist. Among other irritations, it only distanced her from her freshman classmates at Vassar, earning both their jealousy and their derision. Although she did very well in her studies, socially Jacqueline never was quite accepted by girls at Vassar, and, insofar as the boys were concerned, Knickerbocker's anointing of her led chiefly to a series of disappointments.

I remember the dances in New York that winter — the assemblies, cotillions, and debutante balls — when the young blades from Princeton, Harvard, and Yale would come up to me in the stag line and ask, "Hey, what's wrong with that Debutante-of-the-Year cousin of yours? She doesn't put out. You can't even dance cheek-to-cheek with her." Or "What's the story on your Queen Deb cousin? You can't get even halfway to first base with her."

It was always the same with Jacqueline's admirers and would-be lovers. They all knew of her Debutante-of-the-Year status and wanted to make out with her, and she deflated all of them. Jacqueline did not just play hard to get — she was impossible to get. Her father, Jack Bouvier, whose picture she kept prominently displayed in her room, had helped to make her that way. He had written and admonished her many times not to forget that "all men are rats" and that it was "fatal" to make herself seem "available" or "easy". "Always keep them guessing," he would tell her.

Having Jacqueline named Debutante of the Year meant very little to Jack, who had no use for Cholly Knickerbocker or any other gossip columnist, since he had suffered considerably from them in the past, especially at the time of his divorce.

Jacqueline was not particularly happy during her first year in Poughkeepsie, a provincial manufacturing town on the east bank of the Hudson, home of the Matthew Vassar Brewery, and the Smith



JACQUELINE BOUVIER

an intimate memoir

Brothers Cough Drop factory. "That goddamn Vassar," she would call it. It bored her. There were few places to go for a drink or a snack, and the town's one decent clothing store, Peck and Peck, was beyond her means. In New York, she could charge clothes to Daddy at Saks and Bloomingdale's. Instead of hanging out with her classmates at weekends, she would take off for her father's New York apartment, or for football weekends at Yale and Princeton.

Frequently, when she visited her father's apartment, Jacqueline would be surprised to find a young girl there — her 59-year-old father's newest flame. What would surprise her most would be her realisation that her father's girlfriend was only a few years older than she was, perhaps 21 or 22.

In May 1948, Jack wrote several argumentative letters to Jacqueline in which he observed that he knew she had scarce-

ly any money in the bank, but he might send her a cheque if she didn't neglect him so much and would recognise that he was still her father and naturally interested in her and all she did.

In another May letter, Jack expressed his surprise and annoyance over being told at the last minute of Jacqueline's plans to spend the summer in Europe.

While Jacqueline was racing through Europe, Jack Bouvier wrote her a long, newsy letter telling her that her younger sister

Lee had just completed a nine-day stay with him at a charming cottage he had rented off the Montauk highway and warning her that she would have to look more beautiful than ever or else Lee would steal a lot of her boyfriends.

Jacqueline was soon back in her college routine, studying hard all week and taking off at weekends for Yale and Princeton, and occasionally her father's apartment, to keep him from complaining that she neglected him and to make sure he would not carry out his periodic threats to cut off her monthly allowance.

Meanwhile, she was inundated with a steady stream of advice from him about how she should behave with men.

Apparently, she had dropped all her plans one weekend in order to rush up to New Haven for a date with a handsome Yale whom she hardly knew.

Jack Bouvier had got the impression that she just couldn't wait to be in his arms.

Concerned that Jacqueline would harm her reputation, he told her very emphatically that it was a very unwise thing to give a young man the sense that she was utterly delighted to take trip to see him, no matter who he was. By acting so overjoyed to receive the invitation, she would only be showing her own lack of self-respect and giving the young man's friends the idea of how easy it would be to entice her to New Haven. He told her not to forget that for years he had advised

her always to play hard to get. Evidently, the Yale almost let Jacqueline get stranded in New Haven, where she would be at his mercy, and she was compelled to take two late-night train rides by herself. Jack told his daughter angrily that the boy in question "ought to be shot" for forcing an 18-year-old girl to take the 9.30pm train from New Haven to New York and then the midnight train from New York to Poughkeepsie. No boy was good enough, he admonished her, for her to take a lengthy trip alone at that late hour. Jack also scolded his daughter for even considering visiting a boy's apartment alone. That had not been considered proper in his day and, he persisted, still was not.

Jacqueline must have wearied of her father's relentless harangues, especially about her spending habits. On one occasion Jack berated his eldest daughter for spending too much money. He had just paid a bill for \$24 for her cosmetics and another for \$20 for photos taken at her cousin Sheila's party, and had given her \$20 to see Lee. If she would be more thoughtful and stop charging so many of her expenses to him, she would get her allowance of \$50 a month on time, he told her. On another occasion, he would complain bitterly of all the purchases she charged to him at Bloomingdale's and Saks, as much as \$36 worth.

He thought she was too selfish. She had to start denying herself things she wanted now, because as she got older she would find self-denial increasingly difficult. She couldn't expect to have her every wish fulfilled.

He adamantly advised her not to emulate her mother, reminding her of Janet's want of generosity and repeating what he had told her many times — that Janet had been nothing but a gold-digger all her life.

The trouble, of course, was that Jacqueline at 19 was a beautiful, talented, intelligent and energetic young woman eager to live life to the hilt. Her father, who was now almost 60, was desperately trying to hold on to her and her sister, the only people who gave meaning to his life.

● Jacqueline Bouvier: An Intimate Memoir by John H. Davis, to be published by John Wiley and Sons (£14.99) on October 10.



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Indian wives turn the land dry

Prohibition has been introduced in the hard-drinking farming state of Haryana, in northern India. Drink police search cars at border checkpoints, neighbours inform on each other, good whisky is being poured down sinks in panic. Bootleggers and smugglers are operating with illegal stills producing often lethal concoctions, and the state government is going broke from revenue losses.

All this is happening because an army of poor village women shook off their traditional timidity and confronted drunkenness.

The impact on life in the villages has been stunning.

On Saturday nights the men

sit outside in the dusty compounds of their huts, smoking

pungent cigarettes called bidis and drinking tea. The

mood is calm: a far

cry from the days when practically

every man reeled home drunk and often violent from cheap liquor. Nowhere in India

pandered to drink like Haryana, which had a huge

network of liquor shops open 24

hours, every day of the year.

But now the shops have been

closed down. "I don't get

beaten any more," says Renu Devi, her toothless young

husband next to her. He looks

remorseful and shuffles off.

Mrs Devi smiles. She was

part of the women's move-

ment that rose up against

alcohol and domestic vio-

lence, and whose votes helped

to topple the state government

in elections this year. Rarely

have rural Indian women

tasted such power.

The impact has been no less

dramatic in the drawing

rooms of the other India — the

rich Westernised one. In

Gurgaon, a small town on the

Haryana border within com-

muting distance of Delhi, the

well-to-do live in £24,000

townhouses in a well-guarded

development called Garden

Estate. Everybody cleared out

their alcohol before prohibition

became law on June 30.

There is a sense of outrage,

of personal liberties being

attacked and a lifestyle de-

stroyed. "I don't usually

drink, but this has made me

that drew its inspiration from

a similar uprising in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh a few years ago. Andhra women went on cooking, washing and sex strikes in protest at drunkenness. They smashed up liquor shops, attacked lorry drivers delivering liquor and shaved the heads of drunken husbands after they passed out. The state is now dry.

Christopher Thomas reports from

hard-drinking Haryana, where villagers

have forced the state to ban alcohol

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Keeping alcohol is a non-bailable offence that carries a maximum penalty of three years' jail plus a fine. "I have lived all over India and I have never seen as much domestic violence as there was in Haryana," says retired General J. M. Vohra, who lives in Garden Estate. "The maid-servants would come to work late or not turn up at all because they had been beaten. A large percentage of village men are alcoholics."

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Yield	4.9%	
FTSE All share	1922.02	(+8.04)
Nikkei	2017.11	(-59.79)
New York		
Dow Jones		Closed
S&P Composite		

US RATE

Federal Fund	Closed	(5.75%)
Long Bond	—	(7.12%)
Yield	—	

LONDON MONEY

3-month Interbank	5.75%	(5.75%)
Libor long gilt future (Sep)	107%	(107)

STERLING

New York	Closed	(1.6828)
London	1.6828	(1.6828)
DM	1.2138	(1.2138)
FF	7.9237	(7.9238)
SPF	1.8868	(1.8718)
Yen	170.25	(169.74)
E Index	85.5	(85.3)

\$ DOLLAR

London	Closed	(1.4857)
DM	—	(1.2029)
FF	—	(1.2015)
SPF	—	(1.0835)
Yen	96.4	(96.0)
Y Index	96.4	(96.0)

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Nov)	\$21.20	(\$20.35)
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GOLD

London close	\$386.90	(\$386.35)
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**Investors
force
GEC to
back down**

By JASON NISSE

GEC, the electronics company, yesterday amended the terms of the £10 million pay package for its new managing director, George Simpson, by tightening performance targets on his bonus scheme.

The change may not be enough to prevent some institutional investors showing their opposition to the package at the annual meeting of shareholders, on Friday.

GEC's share price will have to outperform the FTSE 100 index by 10 per cent over three years before Mr Simpson is entitled to a long-term bonus package. Previously, all that was needed was an outperformance over six months.

In addition, GEC will have to perform in the top 25 of FTSE 100 companies, as measured by total shareholder return, which includes earnings, dividends and share price performance.

The changes cover the long-term bonus plan, which represents just £1 million of Mr Simpson's package and half his short-term bonus, worth about £1.5 million. The rest of the five-year, £10 million package remains largely intact.

Lord Prior, GEC chairman, conceded the change at a meeting with Richard Regan, of the Association of British Insurers, yesterday. Although the scheme now meets ABI guidelines, some institutions may still not accept it. Standard Life, the mutual insurer, dislikes total shareholder return as a performance measure and may yet vote against Mr Simpson's appointment in protest.



Jonathan Fry, left, chief executive, and Brian Hardy, finance director, presenting Burmah Castrol's results yesterday

House prices up in August

By ROBERT MILLER

HOUSE prices rose 0.5 per cent in August, traditionally one of the quietest months in the property market, according to a survey published today by the Halifax Building Society.

The Halifax, Britain's largest mortgage lender, says that house prices are now 5.7 per cent higher than a year ago, compared with 5.3 per cent reported in July.

The Nationwide Building Society last week reported that monthly house prices in August rose 1.7 per cent, lifting them 5.4 per cent from a year ago.

Prices for new houses, however, fell again in August for the second successive month by 0.4 per cent, taking the annual rate of house price inflation for such properties to 2.3 per cent. House prices are now 5.6 per cent above their

trough in 1993, but are still 8.1 per cent below their peak in 1989. The Halifax says: "The further small rise this month confirms our view that house prices are now steadily recovering."

In common with many other mortgage lenders, the Halifax cautions against expectations of a runaway recovery in house prices across Britain. Evidence suggests that although the recovery is now well established it is still very patchy, with some regions seeing little evidence of improvement.

The Halifax adds: "Given the rises in prices which occurred in the second half of 1995, we would expect the annual rate of house price inflation to remain broadly stable at around 5 per cent over the next few months."

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Surge in Asia boosts Burmah

A SURGE in profits from fast-growing Asian economies helped Burmah Castrol to offset a sharp downturn in Germany. The lubricants and chemicals group lifted first-half operating profits 7 per cent, to £134 million, in spite of a fall in volumes in Europe and static consumption in North America.

Pre-tax profits rose by 8 per cent, to £125.9 million, including an exceptional gain of £23 million on the sale of Burmah's fuel distribution businesses. The disposals contributed £89 million in cash to Burmah. Gearing was almost halved, to 17 per cent in June, but Burmah said that it had no plans for major acquisitions. It indicated that a special dividend was unlikely, because of its surplus advance corporation tax problem. Burmah is now earning more from operations in Asia than in Europe.

The 12p interim dividend is up 9 per cent on last year.

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Morgan Grenfell funds suspended

By JILL INSLEY

MORGAN GRENFELL'S investment management arm has suspended dealings in funds worth £1.4 billion after the discovery of possible irregularities in the valuation of the fund's shareholdings.

Thousands of investors have been left in limbo while the company and the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, the regulator, investigate whether unquoted securities held by three unit trusts have been valued correctly.

Investigations centre on Morgan Grenfell's £788 million flagship European Growth Fund and two smaller funds, Europa and European Capital Growth. Peter Young, fund manager of the European Growth and European Capital Growth unit trusts, was relieved of his duties on Friday. Morgan Grenfell and

IMRO were unable to say how long the suspensions would last.

It is highly unusual for a company to suspend dealings in units because of pricing irregularities. The last instance was Dumelex, a French owned investment company, which suspended dealings in all its unit trusts in November 1989. The suspension continued until the following February, when the Securities and Investment Board ordered the funds to be wound up.

Morgan Grenfell's problems have come to light just one week after Jardine Fleming, another leading investment manager, was fined £12 million for dealing irregularities.

A Morgan Grenfell spokesman says the investment manager will make good any liability in respect of irregularities

identified during the investigations, but refuses to comment on the sums involved.

Unit trusts may use up to 10 per cent of their money to buy shares in unquoted companies, provided the funds' trustees are happy with their use. However, most fund managers are wary of buying unquoted stocks that may prove difficult to sell.

The European Growth Fund has proved particularly popular with independent financial advisers, who sold units on the back of its top-of-the-table performance during the past five years. But the fund's performance has dropped off over the past six months. At the same time, concern over its aggressive investment stance, in particular its large shareholdings in companies such as Nokta and British Biotech, has increased.

Pepsi deal will turn the Trocadero blue

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

TROCADERO has sealed a £3 million sponsorship deal with Pepsi that will result in the leisure complex in London's Piccadilly turning blue.

Trocadero signed a two-year deal with the cola company to rename the centre as the "Pepsi Trocadero" and to use the company's new blue image throughout the building.

The Trocadero intends to create a blue cafe and install Pepsi laser logos and dress security guards in Pepsi colours. Pepsi will also sponsor the IMAX 3D cinema development scheduled to open in the complex next April. The deal is

worth £2 million in cash and up to £1 million in other commercial benefits to Trocadero. The company said Pepsi has beaten a number of other consumer companies to the sponsorship deal and it was hoping to unveil more link-ups, including the sponsorship of individual attractions.

The Trocadero was relaunched recently after a £50 million refit. The new £45 million Sega World theme park, an indoor leisure complex over six floors, is scheduled to open next week.

Pepsi revamped its logo and image several months ago and

was keen to continue its multi-million pound marketing push through sponsorship of the centre, which had 20 million visitors last year.

Burford Property group bought the Trocadero out of receivership for £94 million in 1994. It was floated as an independent company on the Alternative Investment Market last year, with shares opening at 35p. Yesterday the shares closed up 0.5p at 79p, valuing the company at more than £390 million.

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Pepsi's new blue can

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AEA sell-off value likely to be set at £200m

By PAUL DURMAN

THE Government's last privatisation before the general election got under way yesterday with the publication of the pathfinder prospectus for AEA Technology, which provides decommissioning and waste management services to the nuclear power industry.

Only 10 per cent of the shares available have been earmarked for sale to private investors. About 80 per cent will be placed with institutional investors, while the remaining 10 per cent are reserved for the company's 3,500 employees. The employees will be given £100 of shares free and if they buy another £50 worth, will receive further shares worth £800. If all the employees take up their full £150 entitlement their combined holding would be worth nearly £5.3 million.

Management, headed by Sir Anthony Cleaver, the chairman, and Peter Watson, the chief executive, will not benefit from any special share scheme. Dr Watson is on a

relatively modest salary of £143,000. He recently made a £4 million killing on the controversial sale of the Porterbrook train-leasing company.

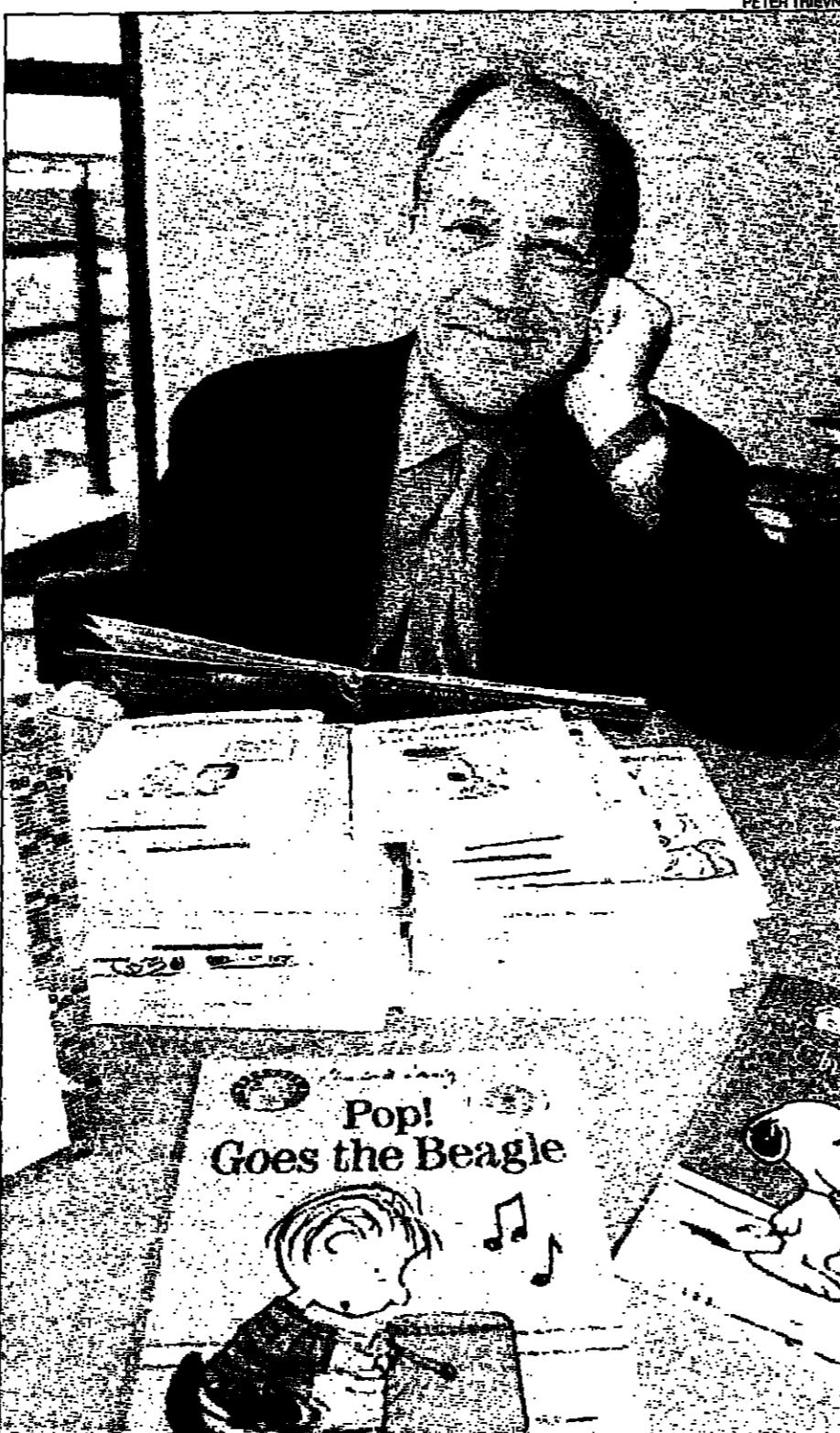
AEA Technology, which until recently was part of the UK Atomic Energy Authority, is expected to be valued at about £200 million. Only a little more than half its £250-million-a-year business is nuclear-related. Its technologies are used in many other fields — starting with environmental monitoring and control, but also in areas such as high-performance batteries for mobile phones.

The company's work for the UKAEA is expected to decline substantially, although it remains by far the biggest customer, accounting for £60.9 million of sales last year. AEA Technology hopes to replace this and other Government work by winning more business from the growing nuclear industry in Japan and the Pacific, by taking on the decommissioning of redundant power stations in the US and Europe, and by exploiting the non-nuclear applications of its technologies.

In the past three years, AEA Technology's operating profits have risen from £4.3 million to £19.8 million — largely thanks to the laying off of 1,200 highly qualified staff. Dr Watson said that there was still some scope to improve margins and to cut costs further.

The Government will initially retain a "special share" in AEA Technology that will effectively prevent anyone from buying a stake of more than 15 per cent of the company. However, this protection will expire in October 1999. Applications for shares must be made by September 24. Dealings in the shares are expected to begin on September 26.

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Laurence Orbach of Quarto, which has dropped its own CD-Rom development

Quarto plays by the book

By ERIC REGULY

QUARTO, the book publishing group, said yesterday that it will no longer develop its own multi-media CD-Roms after taking the view that electronic publishing, in general, has not been a commercial success.

The company said: "Most people have a reverence for books that they don't have for

the printed word in other formats." Quarto will not ignore the CD-Rom market but will seek to minimise the risk by "co-venturing" with existing electronic developers.

Quarto, whose chairman and chief executive is

Laurence Orbach, reported a pre-tax profit of £1.58 million, or 4.3p a share, in the half

year to June 30, up 6 per cent from the £1.49 million, or 3.8p a share, in 1995. Turnover rose 16 per cent to £30.9 million. It said that strong sales in the US and in continental Europe more than offset "abysmal" sales in the UK and France.

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□ Winning hand for UK defence firms □ Housebuilders feel pinch in recovery □ Preston North End's whole new ball game

□ IT'S been a long time coming. And there have been many hiccups on the way. But it looks like Europe has finally decided it can act as one economic unit — at least in the aerospace.

Michael Portillo's announcement of a go ahead for the Eurofighter project, along with the imminent plans to build the \$8 billion A3XX superjumbo by Airbus Industrie, goes a long way towards creating a coherent force that will challenge the American giants such as Boeing, Lockheed Martin and Hughes. And for once Britain is in the driving seat with the Germans left on the sidelines.

At the centre of all this is British Aerospace. Just four years ago the company was a pitiful mess, with warring factions bickering over the corporate structure and the need for a rights issue. If it had not been our largest private sector employer it might not have survived as an independent entity.

Thanks to some radical corporate surgery, which was not without pain, and the ditching of the albatross of British manufacturing, Rover, chief executive Dick Evans was able to turn British Aerospace into a solvent, well capitalised and powerful company. The events unfolding at the Farnborough air show are a sign of a revitalised group flexing its muscles.

Aces high for British Aerospace

BAe is seen as the force behind the restructuring of Airbus into a single company, a restructuring that is giving it the confidence to launch the A3XX superjumbo in direct competition with Boeing. BAe has performed well in the latest round of defence contracts and is powering forward with the merger of its missiles arm with Matra of France. And finally BAe has convinced the Government to approve the UK element of the Eurofighter project, leaving Dasa, the unloved aerospace arm of Daimler-Benz, floundering because it cannot convince the German Government to follow suit.

BAe is now ready to move into the next stage of its development, which is to force the pace of the long awaited restructuring of the European defence industry from a position of strength. No one in their right mind thinks that a European country on its own can have an integrated defence industry. What is needed is for various parts of Europe to specialise in different sectors, creating an integrated whole by way of joint venture, merger

and simple collaboration. If this had happened a couple of years ago, Britain would have been playing a weak hand and could easily have been trumped by the French, Germans or, even, Italians. Now we are sitting with a fistful of aces and are ready to apply the pressure for change.

The Americans have not failed to take notice and are courting British Aerospace and GEC with little subtlety. Neither defence group will be slow to take advantage of this if only to apply more pressure on our European partners. This will be a good week for British industry. We must capitalise on it.

Money in the land bank

□ WHO WOULD be a housebuilder? Stricken when the economy fell out of bed and potential homebuyers stayed away in droves, they look like they are about to be hurt in the recovery as well.

According to Persimmon, the fourth largest housebuilder, prices for building land have

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soared by 20 per cent in the South East of England over the past 12 months, a figure that is double the rate of land inflation in the country at large, according to recent Inland Revenue figures.

At the same time the Halifax house price survey is indicating that prices for new homes fell in August by 0.4 per cent. To add insult to injury they fell in July as well, indicating that the price of new homes is increasing by just 2.3 per cent while the price of older houses is soaring by 5.7 per cent.

If you take those two figures together it spells out pain for the housebuilders. Buying the land accounts for about a quarter of the cost of a new home. So to sustain a 20 per cent hike in land

prices, the builder has to be able to put up the price of its new homes by 5 per cent even if it can keep all other costs in line.

The national picture appears to be a small squeeze for the builders in general, but a nasty rip for those with a concentration in the South East. It is also the case that those who have a long land bank, like Persimmon which has enough for four years of building at current levels, are well equipped to ride out the storm. But those who need to replenish their stocks are facing a hard time.

This will make today's figures from George Wimpey all the more interesting. It needs to buy 15,000 plots a year to keep going at current levels. The spread of its land bank and its experience in marketing will determine how much pain it is suffering.

Halifax does not see house price inflation changing much from current levels. Land prices should fall back into line. But John Gummer, the Secretary of State for the Environment, is pressing local authorities to be tougher on planning approvals. And it is hard to see an incoming

Labour government making life easy for builders who have traditionally been large donors to the Tories.

In a different league

□ FANS of Preston North End and the few hardy souls who follow Chorley Borough Rugby League club — are probably praying that the arrival of Trevor Hemmings as a major investor in both clubs will result in the return of the glory days.

Preston has not enjoyed much success since the early 1950s, while to add insult to injury, nearby Blackburn has prospered in recent years thanks to Jack Walker's millions. Chorley, meanwhile, dropped out of professional rugby for a couple of years, only returning last season to join the also-rans in the second division.

But Mr Hemmings, the former Scottish & Newcastle leisure director, is a seriously rich man who still holds a stake in S&N worth about £10 million.

The sale of Chorley to Preston means that Mr Hemmings now controls 10 per cent of the holding company which owns both clubs.

But Mr Hemmings has not taken a seat on the Preston board, which suggests that his ambitions may be more limited. It is becoming prohibitively expensive for a football club to buy its way into the Premier League. Helping Chorley reach the top of Rugby League may prove cheaper, but the sport has to date not transferred successfully from its heartlands. Preston may only be a short trip up the M6. But the cultural divide may be much greater.

Contrary Ken

□ THE CITY is betting heavily that the Chancellor will leave interest rates unchanged tomorrow. A minority is looking for just one more cut — and one more slap in the face for the Bank of England. But isn't it conceivable that Cannon Ken could pop up with the surprise to end surprises by doing what the Jeremiads of Threadneedle Street want and raising rates a quarter? The Bank would be silenced and the markets impressed. This way, the Chancellor could be absolutely sure that rates will stay exactly where they are until just after election day.

JIB looks at merger options

JIB Group, the UK insurance broker, is looking to merge with fellow brokers to strengthen its presence in Asia. John Barton, chief executive, said he believed competition was "here to stay".

JIB, a subsidiary of Jardine Matheson, the international conglomerate, announced record interim results for the six months ended June 30. Profit before tax was £16.4 million (£12.8 million before exceptional) on turnover of £102 million (£93 million).

Earnings per share were 7.9p (6.2p) and an interim dividend of 3.5p per share will be paid gross (2.5p net).

Hays expands

Hays, the business services group whose attempt to acquire Christian Salvesen was aborted last month, announced a £65 million acquisition yesterday. Hays has bought Inkhold, the holding company of ICS Corporation. ICS provides a range of pre-9am delivery services through a national depot network handling 800,000 items nightly.

Mackie down

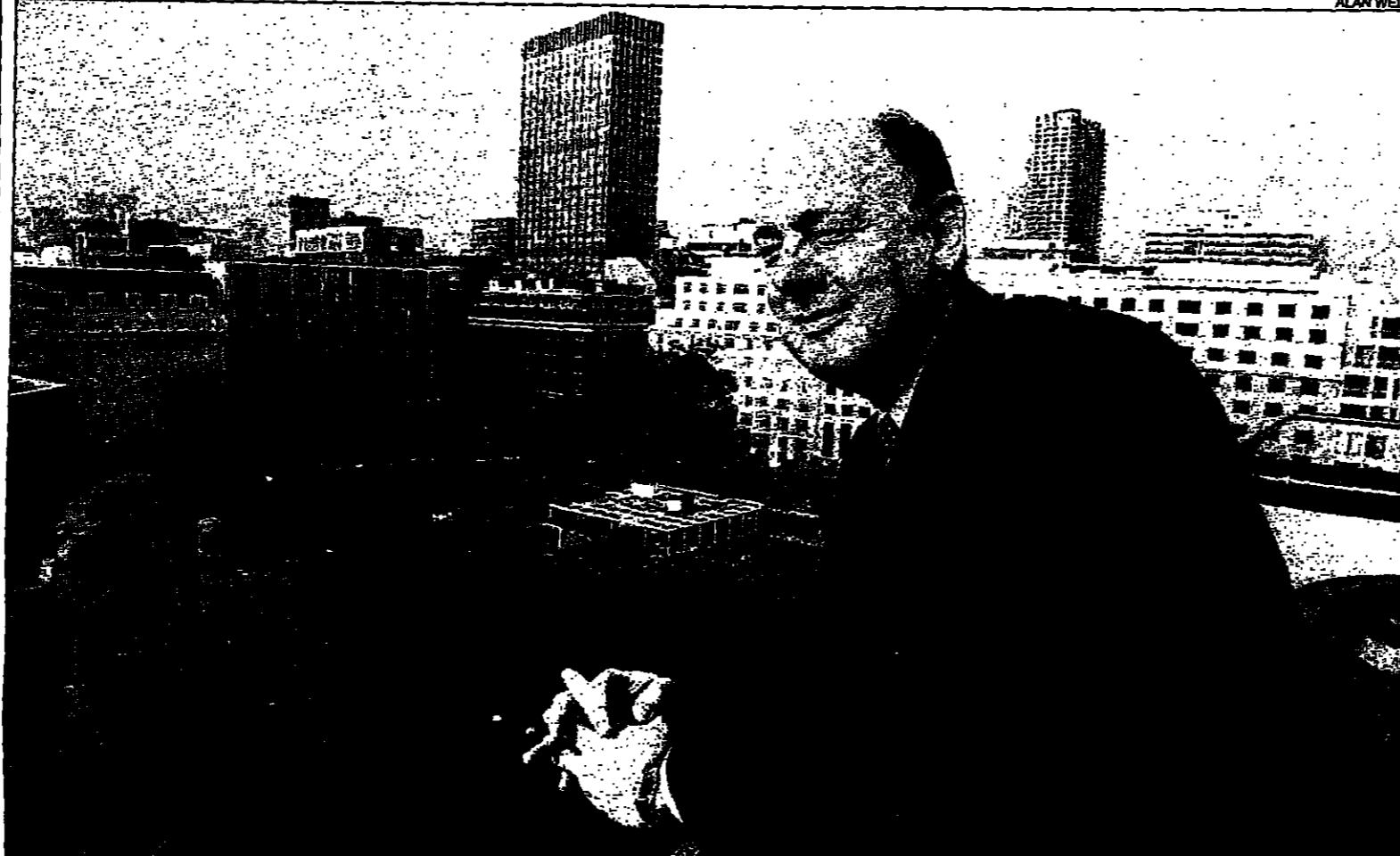
Mackie International, the precision engineering group, announced a pre-tax profit of £1.04 million in the half year to June 30, down 31 per cent on turnover that fell 12.3 per cent to £9.5 million. The interim dividend remains unchanged at 3.7p.

Lloyd's choice

Lloyd's of London has appointed a new director of legal services. James Butler, 49, was director of legal services and company secretary at Mercury Communications. He succeeds Jo Rickard, who was on secondment to Lloyd's.

Wales wins

Fiamm, an Italian battery maker, is to invest £10.5 million in a battery plant in Crumlin, southeast Wales, creating 200 jobs.



Something to smile about: Robert Wood, chief executive of Henlys, after the announcement yesterday of a 77 per cent rise in operating profits

Bunzl spends £75m on buying and plans more

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

BUNZL, the paper and plastics group, hopes to make more acquisitions in the coming months after spending £75 million in the first half of the year.

Anthony Habgood, chairman, said the company was on the lookout for "bolt-ons" and acquisitions which logically expand the company's portfolio. He added that the company was continuing to look at opportunities to cut costs in all areas of the business.

Mr Habgood's comments came as the company reported a 12 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £56 million in the half year to June 30. Sales rose 1 per cent to £887 million.

The interim dividend, payable on January 2, was increased 10 per cent to 2.2p. The results were better than ex-

pected and helped to lift the share price, which ended the day 4.2p better at 243.2p — a new high for the year.

Gearing increased to 20 per cent after the acquisition spree, which included the purchase of Alpha Supplies, a

cleaning and hygiene products group, for £26 million in May.

Bunzl blamed the modest increase in sales on deflationary pressures caused by the price decline of raw materials.

But profit margins continued to increase, rising from 5.8 per cent to 6.3 per cent.

Profits in all divisions increased at a faster rate than sales except in the fine paper business, where profits were flat on decreased turnover.

Operating profits in the plastic and paper disposable divisions rose 5 per cent to £33.5 million.

He said: "The outlook for prices is uncertain although at least in the very short term, rises generally appear somewhat more likely than further reductions — even if, in some cases, from very low levels."

In the filter and tapes division, whose specialty is filters for low-tar cigarettes, profits increased 34 per cent to £9.9 million on a 20 per cent rise in sales.

In the plastic products division, profits rose 10 per cent to

£8 million on sales that were up by 3 per cent.

Sales declined by 4 per cent in the fine paper division after the price of pulp fell by half, causing the price of paper grades to fall dramatically. Profits, however, were maintained at £9.8 million.

Demand for new coaches, including a large order for Stagecoach, lifted operating profits at its bus and coach division by 77 per cent to £14.4 million. However, tight margins in the car sector caught up with Henlys, as its car division struck flat operating profits of £4 million on sales of £173 million (£168 million).

Overall, pre-tax profits were £17.1 million, 49 per cent ahead of last time. Group sales were only 7 per cent higher, at £244 million. Earnings rose from 15.8p to 21.4p per share, from which an interim dividend of 5p (4p) will be paid on September 17.

Bus sales lift Henlys to record

BY FRASER NELSON

INTENSE competition between Britain's bus and coach operators helped Henlys, the car dealer and bus maker, to offset a sluggish car market to record results for the six months to June 30. But the shares fell from 65.7p to 62.6p on a warning that its margins would not continue to grow indefinitely.

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Builder says land prices overheating

BY KEITH RODGERS

PERSIMMON, Britain's fourth largest housebuilder, has seen housing demand in the South improve substantially over the past eight weeks, but warned yesterday that land prices are "overheating" (See Pennington this page).

The company, which bought Ideal Homes in February, said it has seen an upturn in the market in the South East and the South Midlands, and a modest overall improvement in other regions. Duncan Davidson, chairman, said it was on target to achieve 6,000 house sales in the current year. It had sold 640 homes valued at about £50 million in the normally quiet August period.

John White, chief executive, said the market was experiencing "a bit of a silly period" in land prices in the M25 region and at prime locations across the country, with prices in the South East climbing 20 per cent over the past year.

The company expects the impact to be cushioned by the size of its landbank. Persimmon reported pre-tax profits

of £14.2 million, before reorganisation costs of £3 million, in the half year to June 30, against a pre-tax profit of £9.7 million previously. Turnover, which included four months' contribution from Ideal, climbed from £15.1 million to £20.5 million. Earnings per share before exceptional costs were 6.6p against 5.3p and the interim dividend remains unchanged at 3p.

Mr Davidson said margins in the continuing Persimmon business had climbed from 9.3 per cent in the second half of 1995 to 10.5 per cent, but stood at 8.7 per cent for the acquired Ideal business. Gearing has been reduced to 40 per cent.

Analysts said they are looking for the company to improve its return over the next year and a half.

Persimmon has reduced the combined group's subsidiary offices from 21 to 15, making 230 redundancies. Mr Davidson said the company would consider further acquisitions, particularly in areas where its landbank is weaker.

Firecrest shares halted by AIM

BY FRASER NELSON

SHARES in Firecrest, the marketing-to-telecoms company, were suspended from the Alternative Investment Market yesterday, marking what should be the end of its troubled relationship with the junior exchange.

The exit came as Meteor Technology publicly dissociated itself from Firecrest, buying it from the AIM, moving down to OTC.

However, last Friday it said that it is in talks with a US company, which may agree to a rescue deal by tabling a takeover offer. Firecrest's shares, which opened at 42p when it joined the AIM, were suspended at 44.2p yesterday.

They hit a high of 192p last year.

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STOCK MARKET

SARAH CUNNINGHAM

Oil shares move higher on Middle East tension

THE oil sector led the stock market higher yesterday as a tension remained high in the Gulf and crude oil prices rose to a four-month high.

Oil company shares raced higher as the United Nations reacted to Iraq's incursion into the Kurdish "safe haven" by suspending the oil-for-food deal it had struck with Saddam Hussein. Shell was up 12½p to 943½p, BP up 12p to 632½p and Burmah Castrol, the lubricants company which also reported a strong set of interim results, rose 20p to 10,681½. Enterprise Oil was up 13½p to 525½p and Cairn Energy rose 6p to 367½p.

Shares prices were knocked off their highs early in the day, however, by a firmer than expected purchasing managers' index, which showed evidence of a recovery in manufacturing and dampened hopes of a cut in interest rates. But a late run amid talk that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, would trim rates for political reasons by a quarter point after all left the FT-SE 100 index 16.8 points higher at 3,884.4, near its intra-day high. Volumes were light with Wall Street closed.

Henlys Group fell 3½p to 625p on profit-taking after it reported a record pre-tax profit of £17.1 million in the first half of 1995-96, compared with £11.5 million a year earlier. It also said it expects to report further progress for the year as a whole, encouraged by the strength of its manufacturing order books and by opportunities in the coach and bus division.

Among the other fallers Bletham Group skidded 5½p to 337½p after takeover talks with Reed Elsevier were called off on Friday. Talks with United News & Media were also thought to have taken place during the summer. Rumours remain of other possible bidders but the belief is that they are likely to wait until its interim results next month.

JIB Group, the insurance brokers, reported record interim profits of £16.4 million compared to £12.8 million a year ago in what it called "extremely competitive conditions in most markets."

It said that UK restructuring has significantly improved trading margins on a flat revenue base and that "excellent increases" in revenue and profit in the Asia-Pacific re-



Euro Disney rose 8½p on prospects of a second annual profit

gives it high hopes for the full year performance. The group's shares rose 8p to 112p.

British Aerospace rose 5p to 140.00 on the back of the Government's statement that it is to push ahead with the Eurofighter project. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, said on the first day of the Farnborough air show that the Government will buy 232

growth would be slow due to rising debt charges, which were suspended during a debt holiday as part of a restructuring to allow the company to get back on its feet.

Bunzl rose 4½p to 243½p as the group proved it had managed to overcome the sharp price falls in both paper and plastics over the past half year, raising sales by 1 per cent and also improving group margins. The company said that prices now appear to have stabilised.

Alders confirmed reports

that it has bought eight department stores from Owen Owen for £23.6 million cash. It

also unveiled plans for a

special dividend of 46p per share, worth about half the £100 million cash pile left after the sale of its duty-free operation to Swissair, and a 15 for 19 share consolidation scheme. Its shares rose 11½p to 220p.

A "buy" note from Kleinwort Benson helped to propel JCI 20½p higher to 820p. By contrast shares in regional electricity companies dropped as analysts at UBS issued a negative review of the sector including "fair value" estimates below the current market price of the shares.

Yorkshire Electricity was down 14p at 755p. East Midlands Electricity was off 8½p at 565½p. London Electricity down 8½p at 621½p. Northern Electric was 10p lighter at 528½p and Southern Electric dropped 9p to 662½p.

Good half-time results of

Singer & Friedlander, one of

the few remaining independent City merchant banks, failed to excite the market.

Only a few weeks ago the bank was the target of fevered bid speculation, but yesterday the AIM-listed shares

remained unchanged at 92½p as it reported a 41 per cent

increase in interim profits to £2 million.

Country Garden continued

with its upward momentum

after a good set of results on

Friday. It was up 12p to 110½p.

□ GILT-EDGED: The gilt

market was exceptionally

quiet as the new month began

with Wall Street closed. The

September future rose £2½ to

£107½ as just 17,000 contracts

changed hands. In longs,

Treasury 8 per cent 2015

gained 12½p to £1037½.

□ NEW YORK: Wall Street

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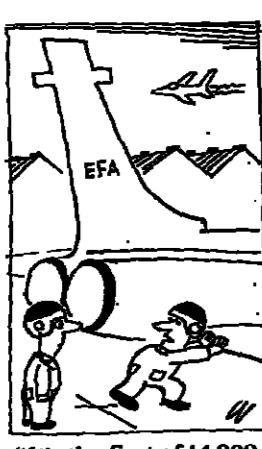
LINFORD CHRISTIE, the Olympic gold medallist, cut a dash through the menswear department on the first day of the new Marks & Spencer on Finsbury Pavement in the City. M&S, which picked the aptly named Councillor Sandie Marks, Mayor of Islington, to open the store, was delighted at the arrival of the sprinter who walked in by chance later in the afternoon, after the company declared it "too costly" to hire a celebrity.

Cautious Christie was not rushing into anything, however. According to the spokeswoman who spotted him at the made-to-measure suits: "He took lots of details — we only hope he's considering a purchase."

Gasbags

AEA TECHNOLOGY, the commercial arm of the Atomic Energy Authority that helps out with decommissioning power stations and dealing with toxic waste, is harbouring assets that emit a strange green glow.

Deep in a warehouse at Winfrith, Dorset, the nuclear technology company has stockpiled millions of tritium domes, a must-have piece of domestic technology. BT stopped supplying the tuneful telephones in 1982. AEA Technology is now extracting the tritium gas from the old telephones to sell on to Amersham, the nuclear medicine group.



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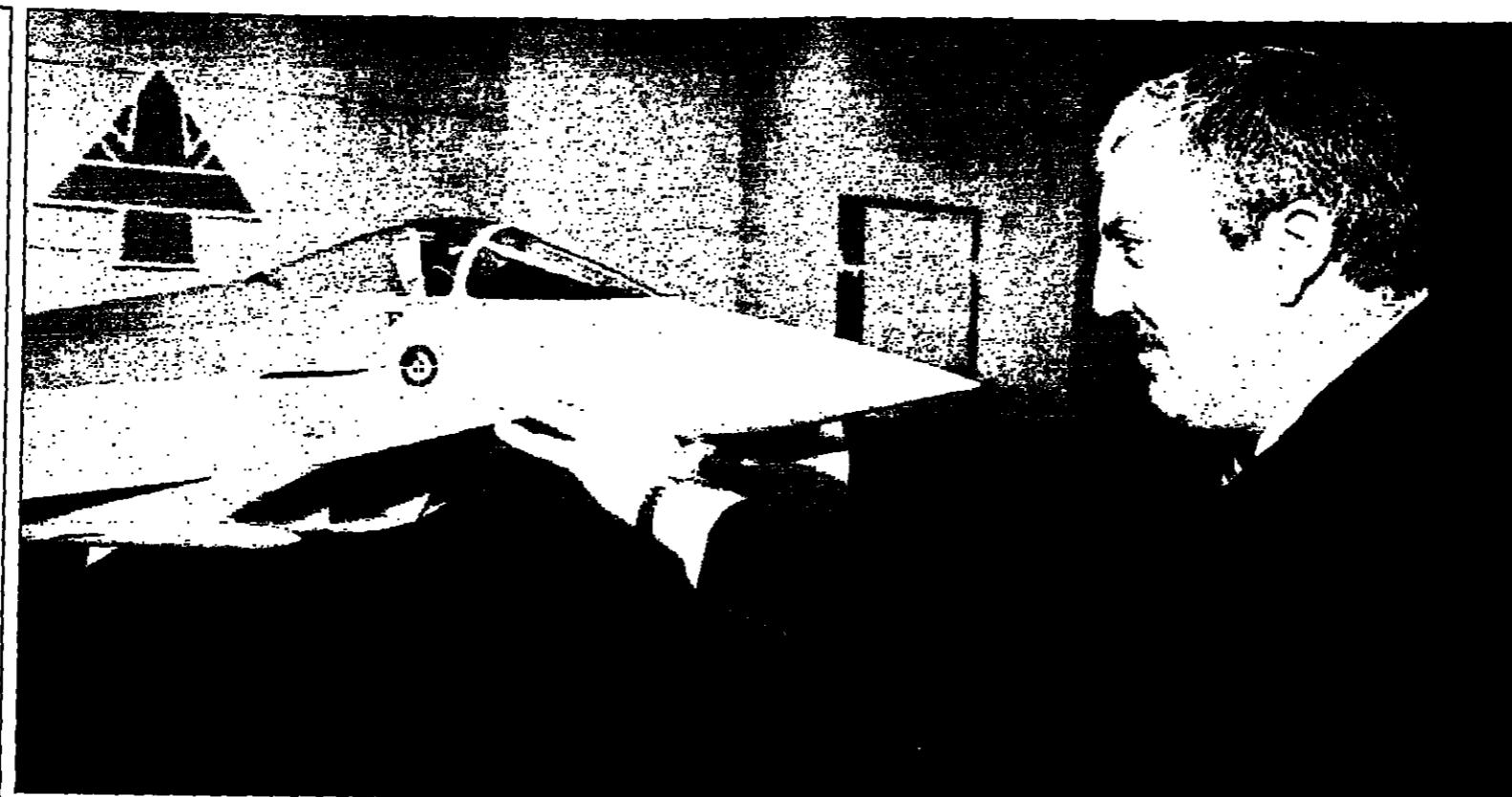
NOW that the bidding war is over, Nick Leslau, chief executive of TrocaPepsi, can reveal how Pepsi beat stiff competition from Coca-Cola to secure the £3 million sponsorship deal that will turn the Piccadilly entertainment centre a shade of blue. Leslau had it written into the two-year deal that a crate of Pepsi per month be delivered to his offices. "Whether it's the full sugar version or not will depend on whether I'm on a diet," he bemoans. "It's diet Pepsi at the moment because I'm just too busy to exercise."

Crash landing

BOEING may have announced a bumper aircraft order at Farnborough yesterday but it was also brought down to earth with a bump when it faced the press. The floor at Farnborough's conference centre slumped several inches during Boeing's announcement. The upset also rebounded on arch-rival Airbus. Its briefing, due to follow Boeing's, had to be postponed until today.

Clubman

IN THE middle of doing his packing to go away for his holidays, Sir Michael Perry stepped down as chairman of Unilever, while announcing his latest appointment to become non-executive chairman of Dunlop Slazenger. On his way out for a round of golf at Wentworth with the same Dunlop clubs that he acquired in his twenties, the 62-year-old former detergent salesman said he felt something for the "old brand" that survived a



Dick Evans, of British Aerospace, argues it is not economic for individual companies to pump in the heavy resources needed for R&D

Eurofighter points the way for aerospace industry

Michael Evans and Christine Buckley
on integrating to challenge US giants

Eurofighter 2000, the £4 billion combat aircraft programme, has taken one more important step towards the full production phase. Britain has led the way in committing itself to financing the production stage in the hope that the three European partners, Germany, Italy and Spain, will soon follow suit. Since negotiations began in 1983 to develop a European collaborative combat aircraft for the 21st century, EFA, as it was then called, has had some bad moments. Germany looked set to withdraw on several occasions because of rising costs, technical problems with the radar and flight control system, and, above all, politics got in the way.

With the Cold War over and defence budgets across Europe facing substantial cuts, there were doubts — though not in Britain — about developing such an advanced expensive aircraft for an era in which the perceived enemy, the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact, no longer existed.

Today, the arguments have changed dramatically. The development of Eurofighter has become caught up in a much bigger debate about the future of the European aerospace business. Since the end of the Cold War, the US has been involved in a comprehensive rationalisation of its defence industry. Already blessed with the advantage of having the largest aerospace industry in the world, the Americans suddenly began to look even leaner and meaner in a market that was fast showing enormous growth potential. Countries in the Pacific Rim, for example, are hungry for aerospace products. Will they turn to America or look towards Europe?

Companies such as British Aerospace, prime contractor in Britain for the Eurofighter programme, and GEC, have realised for some time that unless Europe got its act together, swallowed national differences and developed an integrated industry to compete with the Americans, the giants of the US would win every export contract. The

Industries Council, with industry leaders represented to look at ways of saving the aerospace industry.

Michael Heseltine, Deputy Prime Minister, who opened the Farnborough International Air Show yesterday, focused on this issue but added another reason for working towards European aerospace integration. Military products would become more sophisticated and more expensive in the future, he said, and even the giant aerospace industry in America would look for partners.

Europe, he said, had to demonstrate to the Americans that it was capable of acting with one voice. BAE, which recently joined forces with Matra, the French missile firm, will financially back Lagardere, Matra's parent company, in its bid for Thomson.

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aim of taking up to 50 per cent of the business, compared with the present 60-70 in Boeing's favour.

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Time to find a new bogeyman

The improvement in

manufacturing activity reported yesterday by Britain's purchasing managers came as no great surprise to those of us who have always believed that the recent economic slowdown was just a temporary respite, albeit one that could become much worse if the Bank of England prevailed in its demands for higher interest rates.

The purchasing managers' index may not have much of a track record as a leading indicator — in fact, like most confidence surveys, the purchasing managers' opinions have lagged changes in activity as often as led them. But combined with last week's excellent trade figures, the PMI is another straw in the wind. It suggests not only that the British economy is now expanding quite strongly, but also that the structure of this expansion is about as healthy as anyone could desire.

In saying "anyone" I must, however, exclude the leaders of the Labour Party.

When the good trade figures were published last Thursday, Alastair Darling, the party's economic spokesman, made the following remark: "Britain has too

small a manufacturing base to sustain growth without a persistent trade deficit."

The Labour Party believes

that exporting services is

somehow less "sustainable", or even virtuous, than making and selling manufactured goods. But how many people, even among Labour's supporters, would prefer their child to work in a factory than an office? And if a service economy is more precarious than one based on manufacturing, why have New York and California proved sustainably more prosperous than Michigan and Alabama, in spite of large and persistent deficits in their visible trade?

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The question is whether this "persistent" deficit is any kind of obstacle to economic growth.

The deficit in "visible" goods that Labour harps on about is only one part of Britain's trade. The other is the "invisible" trade in services, which continues to record surpluses of £8 billion or £9 billion annually. If these invisible surpluses are to continue, then either the trade in goods must be in deficit by about the same amount (which it is) or we must run an overall surplus in our balance of payments.

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BUSINESS LETTERS

Pensions equality lacks political will

From Mr O. M. Jubb

Sir: David Lindsay (Business Letters, August 22) seriously understates his case on the affordability of the state pension for men at 60. The official cost of £3.5 billion for equalising the state pension age at 60 grossly overestimates the net cost since, in 1994-95, according to DSS statistics, 1.8 million people over 60 received £8.9 billion in income support, housing benefit and council tax relief. A substantial proportion will have been men aged 60 to 64 simply because they were denied the state pension.

Automation is set to carry on spreading and the group is also turning its attention to service, which managers admit is "tous" throughout the industry, with painfully slow delivery times. Brand extension, which has already begun in Japan with tea, coffee and table linen, is also planned. The turnaround has got

analysts and investors on the company's side, but the risk with the "chairman's challenge" is that it looks very much like the sort of hoopla typical of a company emerging from recovery. It could backfire because should the targets not be met, actual achievements may be overlooked.

According to Joe Burnell of Davy, the Dublin-based stock broker, who is otherwise optimistic about the company's chances, the challenge "is a daunting one for any business, especially so for a company operating in a sector which is growing by not much more than 3 per cent per annum, and it remains to be seen whether it is an achievable ambition".

Most of the visitors to Barlaston neither know nor care about Dr O'Reilly's challenge and are happy to marvel at the crafts

Sarah Cunningham reports on changing attitudes at the china maker

Wedgwood fired up for rapid growth



China town: a teapot being prepared for hand decorating at the Josiah Wedgwood factory near Stoke-on-Trent

Having reached this stage, the company is pushing all-out for growth. Dr O'Reilly has told Mr Patterson and the other executive directors in the Waterford Wedgwood group that he wants to see the business double and profits treble by 2000. Mr Patterson

has agreed to do this. The company is currently in a strong position, with sales up 10 per cent in the last year and profits up 15 per cent. The company is also well positioned for the future, with a strong pipeline of new products and a solid customer base.

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New moves at the Arts Council: a "stabilisation programme" will change the rules for lottery grants



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Björk and Underworld woo Dublin on a night of triumph for dance music

THE TIMES ARTS



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At Mimos, France's annual festival of mime, the British group Ralf Ralf win the top prize



■ THEATRE 2

... and there is much to admire, too, in the clowning of Théâtre de la Mezzanine

Ballads beat track to nirvana

POP

Björk/Underworld
The Point, Dublin

ANY concerns one may have had about the continuing viability of dance music now that Britpop has gone supernova were emphatically laid to rest by two of its most engaging exponents in a thrilling double bill last Friday.

Dubbed *A Night in Front of the Big Speakers*, the show was set up to place one city under a groove and in their different ways both Björk and Underworld did just that. On preliminary DJ duty Howie B set the rave vibes in motion, though when the barefooted, debauched Björk finally did take the stage, the opening salvos were slightly more subdued than expected. It wasn't until the mesmeric *Isobel* that that bewitching Björk magic started in earnest, a spell cast with the aid of an arty backdrop which descended from the ceiling and some impressive lighting, which embellished but never distracted from the songs themselves.

As she swanned impishly around the stage Björk was a bundle of joy to behold: the voice, arguably the most distinctive in pop today, a spine-tingling trill. She sings like someone deeply in love, not just with her boyfriend, but with life itself.

And if some of her accordion-led ballads tried the patience of those who like their beats fast and furious, then they were given ample opportunity later on to shake their makers to Underworld's compulsive, insistent technogroove. Though Karl Hyde possesses the charisma required of a frontman, Underworld are not about personalities: they are about striving for a communal electronic nirvana. And as roughly 14,000 arms flailed to the beat of *Born Slippy*, it was clear that this is what they achieved.

NICK KELLY



Mary Allen: dealing with "a problem in public and potentially political perceptions"

MIME: Andy Lavender has a handshake and a cheque for British brothers whose inspired gibbering beat the world's wordless best

Diplomatic triumph for the burble boys

It is pleasing to report a success on a foreign field, however modest. Mimos, France's annual international mime festival, has just completed its 14th year at the Perigordine town of Périgueux. As usual an assorted group of hacks, your correspondent included, gathered at the end of the festival to award a prize of Fr20,000 to the show deemed most worthy. This year's winner was *The Summit*, presented by the brothers Jonathan and Barnaby Stone, who together comprise the English company Ralf Ralf.

The Stone brothers developed *The Summit* in 1988

France, surely the home of physical and visual performance, and whisk the honours from under the noses of 15 other companies. It is even more cavalier to do so with a show nearly ten years old which depends for much of its effect on spoken language.

The Stone brothers developed *The Summit* in 1988

during the meetings between Reagan and Gorbachev. They play a pair of spokesman from antagonistic factions. Whether addressing the audience in party-political style or disputing with each other, these besuited apparatchiks speak an invented nonsense-language which to my ear sounded like a mangled mixture of Slav and French. By means of this difficult device, the brothers present nuances of passion and antipathy without saying anything of substance. The entire show, then, is a rhetorical flourish, a game with the surfaces of political persuasion.

Its own surface appears as a fairly easy satire on competing dogmas, and as such it is billed as a piece whose relevance is unlikely to dim. In fact, *The Summit* also celebrates communication. The show depends upon the exemplary rapport between the brothers, who spar by means of sing-song disputes, chanting, choreographed gesturing, stamping, banging on the table and even acrobatics.

The Summit combines eccentricity, subtlety and precision performance in equal measures. Perhaps Ralf Ralf scooped the honours because the brothers were either sillier or more serious than the various other performers present.

Two of the more solemn

shows in the festival acknowledged their debt to butoh, a Japanese dance form developed since the Second World War, which pursues archetypal themes by way of movements drawn from older Eastern performance traditions. Thus Maureen Fleming, an American performer, slowly configured her naked body into racked shapes, presenting her interpretation of the Psyche and Eros myth by way of stances.

Further slow movements

on grand themes were

provided in *Hestia*, presented by the young French company Enfin le Jour, which involved a series of birth rituals of cosmic portent. Two performers spent the entire show emerging from a mound of earth in the front corner of the stage and intertwining in slow motion. These were Adam and Eve. The Virgin Mary appeared on some steps, wearing what looked like a fruit basket on her head and attended by two acolytes in brightly coloured trousers. At one point these ministering angels each pulled three red ribbons from her groin in a sudden, spider-like image of bloodletting.

Such a show, painstakingly

unhurried, would be snuffed at by metropolitan British audi-

Mary Allen, of the Arts Council, explains why the rules governing lottery grants are being relaxed

the Heritage Secretary, and indeed the Treasury, to reconsider their intention of removing a further £3 million from the Arts Council's grant-in-aid. In the words of the all-party Heritage Select Committee, "the money available to all four Arts Councils should be, at the very least, maintained in real terms year by year."

The enormous success of the National Lottery has so far enabled some 800 organisations throughout England to share £500 million for buildings, musical instruments, equipment and public art commissions, as well as investment in film. This has brought a problem in public – and even potentially political – perceptions. If there is so much money coming from the lottery, why is this not diverted to solve problems relating to running costs, or to pay off deficits? Why is one amateur group receiving nearly £1 million for a new building, while the professional theatre down the road does not have the funds to reopen?

The arts world has always been convinced that the National Lottery should not be used to relieve government of its responsibility to support the arts. However, the current imbalance between an annual £250 million from the lottery and £186 million from the taxpayer does not make any easier the task of persuading

Applications are invited from all kinds of organisations, both amateur and professional, provided that they attract an audience of at least 25,000 a year, have been trading for at least five years and are not in receipt of a lottery grant for building purposes.

Meanwhile, the Arts Council has devised a means of using lottery money to put arts organisations on a more stable financial footing. Today we launch the pilot phase of an arts stabilisation programme, which derives from a scheme currently in operation in the United States and parts of Canada. It is about enabling arts organisations to take a long-term view of their work and recognising that, for the foreseeable future, resources from all sources will be limited making that work more secure and more sustainable. This will be achieved by strengthening an organisation's capacity to change and by building up its financial strength to withstand fluctuations in income.

Before launching a full programme we will be testing aspects in a pilot involving not more than 15 organisations.

change, and providing sufficient capital to fund these changes and act as a buffer against fluctuations in income whilst they are taking effect.

At this stage it is almost impossible to put a price tag on the stabilisation programme, but we are thinking of setting aside around £5 million for the pilot phase. Depending on the result of the pilot, we will consider a full programme in September 1997. Initially, stabilisation is being tested in England. However, our colleagues in Scotland and Northern Ireland are keeping a careful watch on our progress and may wish to develop their own scheme. The Heritage Lottery Fund is examining its potential application to the heritage sector.

Later this year a new lottery programme to support work by and for young people, to increase access and invest in new work will be launched. While these new directions will provide additional sustenance for undernourished arts providers, they by no means replace the staple diet of revenue funding. It remains the Arts Council's intention to continue to fight for the restoration of cuts to the grant-in-aid from government, which have amounted to £17 million in real terms over the past three years. Without this we will be unable to enjoy the full fruits of the National Lottery.

Mary Allen is Secretary-General of the Arts Council of England



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■ VISUAL ART 1

Sound effects are brought centre-stage in Tacita Dean's installation at the Tate



■ VISUAL ART 2

Paper weights: the Hackney gallery, Flowers East, presents its annual survey of new art



■ VISUAL ART 3

... while, at Camerawork, an enigmatic figure comes and goes in *Sublimer* by Max Fenton



■ TOMORROW
Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness? Times critics pick the best forthcoming shows



Foley Artist Beryl Mortimer demonstrates various techniques of her dying craft on film in Tacita Dean's absorbing and affectionate exhibition

Pushing open the doors leading to the Tate Gallery's Art Now room, I was assailed by a great surge of sound. Waves, wind and seagulls all hurled themselves at me. Embroiled in high-frequency turbulence, I imagined that the space beyond would contain a visual spectacle to match the acoustic blast overwhelming my eardrums.

As I turned into the room housing Tacita Dean's exhibition, though, my expectations were flouted. The gallery is empty, apart from a tall magnetic tape machine and a brilliantly illuminated display box stretching across most of the far wall, reminiscent of a cinema screen. But it contains words interspersed with diagrams, and close inspection is needed to discover that they are entries written on a dubbing cue-sheet.

These notations only make sense in relation to the footage transmitted by a monitor placed high on another wall. There, the normally unseen makers of the noises filling the gallery are revealed at work. Arrestingly shot and succinctly edited, Dean's film concentrates on two Foley artists.

Beryl Mortimer and Stan Fiferman take their quirky professional name from the original Mr Foley, who concocted sound effects in the pioneering days of film post-production. The tricks he practised may seem laughably archaic now that movie-making technology has become so sophisticated. But the skills of the Foley artists remain indispensable, and Dean shows just how resourceful they are.

Both Beryl and Stan go about their bizarre tasks in the most matter-of-fact spirit imaginable. She shakes a co-tassel sheet to simulate thunder. She jumps up and down in high-heeled shoes on a mess of wet newspaper, evoking the sound of someone hurrying through the rain. The polka-dot umbrella in her hand makes another noise, simultaneously. And while she performs her routine, an apocalyptic storm clashes with

Out with a clop, whir and clunk

VISUAL ART: Richard Cork on the Tate Gallery's bizarre tribute to makers of film sound effects

church bells in the aural maelstrom around her.

Gradually, as we watch the Foley Artists' weird yet precisely calculated antics, Beryl and Stan come to resemble a vintage music-hall double act. They join forces sometimes, doing what amounts to a soft-shoe shuffle as they simulate mushy footfalls on a beach. They clutch, stroke and pull at their own clothes, writhing like demented patients in an asylum and tear up large sheets of paper with aplomb. They open and shut doors without going through them, stamp on cobbles and, in the most surprising moment of all, give the backs of their wrists care-free little kisses.

Their contribution to the impact of the film they enhance with such cunning should not be underestimated. But they perform in a vast, deserted Delta Sound Studio at Shepperton, invisible to anyone other than the recording engineer and unacknowledged save on the credits in small print at the film's end.

By highlighting the activities of these unsung survivors from an earlier, pre-electronic era of movie-making, Dean implies that she would lament their passing. So in one sense, she is determined to celebrate them here before it is too late. A similar nostalgic impulse led her to include, in an earlier

work called *Girl Stowaway*, footage of an elderly couple who have perfected the delicate art of putting miniature sailing ships into bottles. Dean relished the sheer strangeness inherent in devoting a lifetime to such an unlikely feat, just as she now admires the oddness of the Foley Artists' dedication to aural trickery.

The near-emptiness of her own space at the Tate echoes the studio used by Beryl and Stan, who seem marooned in the vacuous immensity of a room where most of the props are hidden away neatly beneath flaps in the floor. But the studio's bleakness is fitting: it reflects the fact that everything there is dedicated to the ears rather than the eyes.

Two years later Jacob Epstein produced his astonishing and provocative portrait of Iris Beerbom Tree. The sitter's face is modelled with robust naturalism but Epstein contrasts it with an extraordinary helmet of smooth, highly polished metal which adds a belligerent air. It reminds us that Epstein was simultaneously revising his awesome *Rock Drill*, making the figure of a driller into a wounded elegy on the horrors of the First World War.

• Tacita Dean is at the Tate Gallery (0171-887 8000) until November 10

Part II: "Open your ears; for which of you will stop the vent of hearing when loud Rumour speaks?" As the back-in-dubbing cue-sheet reveals, Dean's own exploration of "the vent of hearing" made her devise a tantalising tale for the Foley Artists to work on. Having started inside a theatre, it then moves to a pub and a beach pursuit worthy of a thriller before returning, to the play. As in *Girl Stowaway*, Dean presents a fragmented narrative, riddled with ambiguity. But the mystery created by the fractured story is subservient to the orchestration of sound.

So the true heroes here are undoubtedly Beryl and Stan who, in their final moments on the monitor, quietly pack up and leave the studio. On the powerful speakers installed in the gallery, though, we hear an audience applauding the Shakespearean players. After the actor's last words, "I will bid you goodnight", an ecstatic roar is followed by vigorous clapping. Dean ensures that the noise accompanies Beryl and Stan out of the studio, giving them — for the first and only time — the rousing public accolade they deserve.

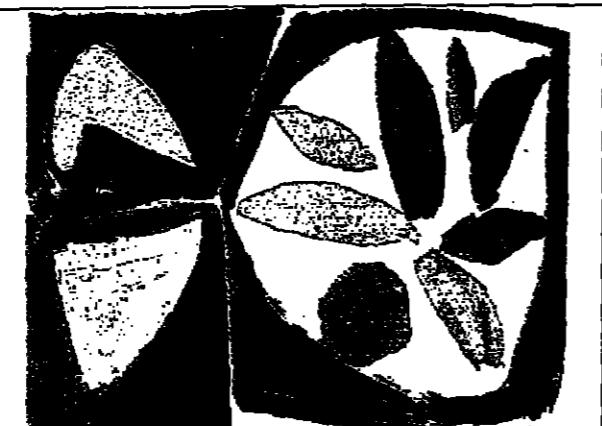
Elsewhere at the Tate, a room devoted to recent acquisitions includes some memorable early 20th-century British sculpture. The earliest is Henri Gaudier-Brzeska's *Amour*, a full-length 1913 carving of a naked youth, pale against a dark-painted boulder from which he seems to have only half-emerged.

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A case for free expression

Isabel Carlisle visits an exuberant show where paper is the medium



An abundance of colour: *Strathmiglo* by John McLean

making on it. The sculptor Alison Wilding has shaded in the outline of an elephant, as if cast onto a wall in a game of shadows, and added a horizontal pencil line that reaches its tail, outlines its back, descends down its trunk and moves off again on another horizontal to create an abstract mass that is more sculptural than the elephant itself.

Richard Allen has created a work that has the quality of looking at Venetian blinds through half-closed eyes on a

red ground show through the veiling white brushstrokes which, as they are vertical, give a sense of a hanging, like a white muslin curtain. Both of Wilding's and Allen's works are untitled, as are at least half the works in the show, removing the barriers of interpretation between the viewer and the art. Where titles are given they are often of an obscurity that has meaning only for the artist: recollections of entirely personal experiences.

Some artists have given titles that are pointers to a

Porthmeor 1996 is a large sheet of paper painted in white over pale blue and white. Two leaping striped tiger-like shapes meet with fences that could be groins on the beach. The picture evokes qualities of sunlight mixed with water and a natural force that has its own laws and dynamics.

Energy, a furious one, is present in Richard Long's frame of white hands on black paper, dipped in liquid china clay slapped down with such force that sparks fly off them. There is an abundance of colour as well among the works on view: a pure deep blue square of powdered pigment that has illusory depth and form (Sally Musgrave); unfolding and contingent coloured forms, some geometric, some organic (John McLean); an abstraction of iridescent colours — a cross of coral over turquoise, each end stopped with a curved wooden block painted silver, inside a mauve surround with incursions of pale indigo (John Loker).

These are not works to be intellectualised or that necessarily contain any covert meaning. The immediate response is everything and they should be enjoyed for what they are.

• British Abstract Art, Part III, Works on Paper is at Flowers East, 100-105 Richmond Road, London SW3 4RL, until Sept 12.

IT IS difficult to tell that a number of changes have been made to this underground car park. The concrete ruts and ramps and the series of mesh bays are all so convincingly installed by Jacqueline Pennell that there appears to be little alteration. Unpronouncing detail on the ceiling has been repeated on the floor to create a series of sections which extend way back in a corridor of symmetrical space. At the far end a mirror stretches from top to bottom to further extend the illusion.

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□ A MOTLEY selection of

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from the ceiling or hangers

in the semi-gloom of this disused

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Frances Gibb talks to the head of the new Office for the Supervision of Solicitors



Peter Ross wants a change in the attitude of solicitors to complaints and is pushing for more firms to reform their procedures

Complaints welcomed

Every year 19,000 complaints are made about solicitors — from the public and from solicitors themselves, but, according to the Law Society's own research, two in three complainants are left "very dissatisfied" after the handling of their complaint.

Michael Barnes, the Legal Services Ombudsman who has the task of monitoring how the legal profession handles complaints, says this is "clear evidence that something fundamental is wrong".

Of course, only an optimist, as he put it in an annual report this June, would expect everyone who complained about a solicitor to be satisfied. But such a low figure should tip the need for radical change. In his view, the profession had "the last chance" to put things right — or risk losing its complaints function to a new statutory body set up by the Government of the day.

This week, the Law Society is seizing that last chance. The much-criticised Solicitors Complaints Bureau — itself set up ten years ago on a side of discontent about complaints handling — is to be scrapped. A revamped, renamed body comes into being: the Office for the Supervision of Solicitors (Ofsol), with a new head: Peter Ross.

He accepts the ombudsman's comments. "Change is needed," he says. "The world has moved on and become

more customer-focused — we have not. We are not good at communicating, for instance. While everyone else uses the telephone, we have stayed with letters. We are not particularly user-friendly."

This, and the delay in handling complaints, have been the chief criticisms levelled at the bureau by bodies such as the National Consumer Council. A new "front desk" diagnostic team of solicitors at Ofsol will sift all complaints as they come in, and decide swiftly if they can be handled on the telephone: whether they involve "shoddy work" or the more serious breaches of professional rules, and direct them to solicitors themselves.

There will be better communication between complainant and solicitor. Another charge has been the bureau's failure to let people know what is happening: some wait months for the outcome of a complaint. "We need early, direct contact," Mr Ross said. "Misunderstandings arise when you have a big paper chase."

Then there will be more central involvement of lay people — non-lawyers — in the handling of complaints. Non-lawyers will chair the committee handling client relations,

but remain a minority on the committee which deals with the more serious matters of breaches of professional rules.

An important step has been the setting up of a new philosophy of "client care". Solicitors are meant to provide in-house complaints procedures, but at least one in four does not. The idea is to develop complaints, where possible, to solicitors themselves.

Where complaints do end up at Ofsol, more will be directed towards its network of local conciliation points around the country, so that complainants can be dealt with "face to face". This method should release more resources for Ofsol to devote to detecting and fighting fraud and complaints, where possible, to solicitors themselves.

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But compliance, he emphasises, will not be achieved by "waving a big stick". A pilot project involving 100 firms was carried out. One group was offered help in running complaints procedures. The other left to get on as before.

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Undaunted about taking over another body which — like the Crown Prosecution Service — is in the firing line. Rather, he seems to relish the task of bringing about what Mr Barnes called a "culture change" among solicitors.

The task, Mr Barnes said, should not be underestimated. Solicitors had a "natural tendency, precisely because they are lawyers, to adopt a legalistic and defensive stance when faced with complaints". This is in contrast with commerce and industry which see complaints as a valuable source of information about efficiency.

If attitudes do not change, solicitors are likely to lose their powers of self-regulation for good. "We have to take the ombudsman's message on board," Mr Ross says.

Now the big question, as the ombudsman posed it, is whether Ofsol — still funded as it is by the Law Society (that is, by solicitors) — is able to satisfy complainants any better than the bureau? It has a chance, in his view, if it becomes more consumer-friendly, and if solicitors do more to tackle complaints.

Mr Ross, 41, has a background in prosecuting and most recently was an assistant chief Crown prosecutor in London, managing six branches and 400 staff. He is

Vote for the baby, not the bathwater

A profession which now has a taste for democracy will soon have another opportunity to demonstrate it. Twenty-four solicitors at the Law Society's annual general meeting in July — a sufficient number under the rules — forced a postal ballot of the whole profession on the central question of the society's role.

Although the vote can only be persuasive rather than binding, strong support for the view that the job of representing solicitors should be hived off from the Law Society might well be the start of a long journey to a change in its charters.

Will the profession vote for such radical change? The presidential candidate who espoused this view received a level of votes which in a general election would have lost him his deposit. With the opportunity to vote on the single issue of splitting the society's functions, however, voters in larger firms may be presented with a dilemma. Those who have long thought it pursued concerns irrelevant to their interests may be tempted to vote for

doings away with the society as we know it.

This would be ironic. The committee of the nascent Solicitors Association, which sponsored the AGM motion and wishes to supplant the society as the profession's representatives, come from practices far removed from the large firms in the City of London and regional centres, and have different personal

practising problems. There has been concern that the negative publicity about the Law Society over the past year has reflected badly on the reputation of solicitors with their clients in the financial and business community. Large firms are competing for work which could equally well go to other professions or other countries. The standing of the British legal profession matters to them — a standing which is bolstered by the privilege of self-regulation.

What about the merits of splitting the Law Society? They have a superficial attraction, at first glance, looked at from the point of view of the larger firms. If the Solicitors Association took away the representative functions and the rump society was left only with regulatory functions, wouldn't that bring larger firms some benefits? There would be less to pay and no need to fund campaigning on legal aid or attempts to rig the conveyancing market.

Such a viewpoint would be short-sighted — and not because of any sentimental attachment to the concept of "one profession". The fact that there is a single profession with a single professional body is a source of strength. When the society puts a case to government, our rulers know they are dealing with the representatives of all solicitors. The Solicitors Association is an organisation of

high street solicitors with little interest in the problems of large firms and their clients.

So who would represent them? The City of London Law Society? But would the large regional firms accept that the City can express their point of view when Leeds, Manchester and Birmingham (for example) are competitors? More likely is fragmentation. Representation of the profession would be left to disparate interest groups.

What of the other half of the split? The Solicitors Association prospectus argues that the Law Society should no longer carry out representation and should confine its activities to regulation. That would still be paid for by all solicitors. But how would a separate regulatory body have the freedom to act for solicitors in the same way that the society's council does now?

Either the society would become a continuously (instead of occasionally) resented body, by demonstrating that it can be independent of solicitors' interests, or it would be ripe for government takeover — a Securities and Investments Board for the legal profession, with no obligation to take account of the wishes or pockets of solicitors. Nor would there be democratic accountability; no voting out the governing body if its expenditure rocketed.

Statutory intervention would be relatively easy because bodies exist which could take over the society's regulatory functions. The Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Education and Conduct could take over these functions. The new Ofsol could mutate into a body completely independent of the Law Society. Solicitors' self-regulation would have ended after 150 years.

And the commercial consequences? The priority of any government-sponsored quango would be even greater consumer protection — no doubt applied across the board. Instead of the targeted approach which the Law Society can take at present, any quango would be likely to increase bureaucratic controls and halt the gradual delegation of regulation to firms. None of this helps the competitive position of the larger firms.

It all seems rather worse than we have at the moment. And it has all been born out of high street frustration that Martin Mears and Robert Sayer could not deliver on their promises — not that the Solicitors Association could do better in that regard. So is the Law Society to be broken up out of pique? As they cast their votes, big firms may be led into temptation — but they should resist it.

ANDREW LOCKLEY

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LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

Simple answer to good customer relations

THE proposal in the Woolf report and the new Arbitration Act may succeed in streamlining dispute resolution, but most British companies are striving for a better option — avoiding disputes altogether.

Avoidance makes good business sense. A recent survey of 900 in-house lawyers found that companies risk more than money if they fail to write clear and concise contracts. The survey, undertaken by PLC magazine, asked them how their companies manage litigation. It found that nearly 50 per cent of all disputes are with customers and suppliers. Companies commit an average of 23 per cent of their legal departments' resources to managing litigation. Victoria Kershaw, the editor of PLC, says: "Companies that want to reduce the cost of litigation in terms of money and damage to relations with customers and suppliers should start by looking at their contracts".

One of the main functions of any contract is risk allocation. "The risk of litigation can be reduced by identifying key transactions, ensuring that written contracts are used where appropriate and that potential risks are clearly defined."

Ms Kershaw says: "A supply contract should address product specification, remedies for defective goods, delivery time and payment terms."

The legal department of Courtaulds has reviewed its contracts as part of a quality-management programme. Russell Müller, its head of legal services, emphasises the close relationship between product specification, quality control and dispute reduction. "A large proportion of our disputes arise from inadequate product specification. By educating business people about the importance of accurate specifications we hope to reduce disputes with customers and suppliers."

Simplification can also help, especially in relation to relatively small transactions which bear a significant dispute risk by reason of volume. A lot of small claims can be just as damaging as one large one. Rank Xerox has simplified the terms and conditions in its standard customer contracts. The exercise was managed by in-house lawyer Christopher Adams. "Our contracts were so verbose and legalistic that they almost invited customers to send for their lawyers. We decided

that there was no point in keeping protective measures we rarely invoked."

Rank Xerox was awarded a crystal mark from the Plain English Campaign for new terms which are about a quarter of the old length. Mr Adams says there has been a significant reduction in inquiries with a consequent saving in legal and administrative resources.

Ms Kershaw says: "Contract reviews are part of wider management measures being implemented by companies to reduce the impact of disputes." Other measures include crisis management, product-recall plans and regulatory compliance programmes in areas such as environmental and competition law.

Law firms and insurers have seen the benefits of a preventive approach. Miles Alexander, litigation partner at Simons & Simons, says: "Our litigators have started to help clients to establish preventive measures to avoid dispute. We are also advising insurers on legal health-check lists for assessing insurance risk and setting premiums."

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James D. Zirin on a case in Hawaii that will decide the status of gay marriages in America

Vows that could alter marriage

Who ever supposed that the hottest new issue in the American presidential campaign would be single-sex marriage? Well, it is. Marriage has been called a sacrament, a noose, an estate, an economic partnership, a field of battle, a necessary evil. But descriptions of marriage have classically referred to conventional alliances between a man and a woman.

Things have worked that way since the Garden of Eden. In May 1991, however, three same-sex couples sued the State of Hawaii for denying them marriage licences, and two years later the Supreme Court of Hawaii held that the refusal to issue marriage licences to same-sex couples may violate Hawaii's constitutional prohibition against discrimination based on sex. The court remanded for hearing the issue as to whether the state could prove a "compelling interest" that would justify the denial of the licence.

Just what makes for a "compelling interest" remains undetermined but the state will argue that it includes interests in procreation, expressing disapproval of non-heterosexual sex and preventing Hawaii from becoming a gay marriage mill, with the undesirable impact on the job and housing markets. The proceeding is scheduled for this month, with a decision expected next year.

Up to two-thirds of the population is opposed to gay marriage. Many may wonder how it changes very much in this day and age if two consenting adults get a marriage licence or even if Hawaii becomes a gay marriage mill. Others may feel that same-sex marriage undermines the moral order or is simply a doozy idea. Same-sex couples, however, claim they have more at stake than mere symbols. Married persons enjoy significant economic and legal benefits denied to single persons. These would include tax breaks, family health coverage, inheritance rights, access to social security, pension and veteran's

benefits and the evidentiary privilege against disclosure of spousal communications. There are also the non-economic benefits such as the right to make medical decisions for a sick partner. Such benefits are usually unavailable to same-sex partners.

If Hawaii sanctions same-sex marriage, the national fallout could be apocalyptic. For it is a basic rule of common law that a marriage valid where made is valid everywhere. There is also the requirement of Article IV, Section 1 of the United States Constitution that "Full Faith and Credit shall be given in each State to the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other State".

Traditionally, this clause has applied to sister-state judgments but not to licences. For example, a lawyer licensed to practise in New York may not practise in Florida without taking the Bar examination there. Full faith and credit in that instance would not require Florida to give effect to the New York licence. A judgment, however, is on a different footing. New York, where casino gambling is illegal, is required to give effect to a Nevada judgment on a gambling debt. A valid Nevada divorce judgment is valid in New York although Nevada permits quick "no-fault" divorces and New York does not. It remains to be seen whether the courts hold a marriage to be more like a licence to practise a profession having no extraterritorial effect, or more like a sister-state judgment that is entitled to full faith and credit.

The extraterritorial effect of single-sex marriages valid where celebrated but invalid in the state where the parties live, has not yet been tested. Public policy, as Justice Cardozo once observed, is "an unruly horse". As standards change of what is appropriate public policy, full faith and credit could require that as Hawaii goes, so must go the nation. If the Constitution requires full faith and credit, this could not be legally changed by act of the legislature.



Gay marriages in Hawaii are setting the pace for the American legal system and the constitution

Largely because of fear that Hawaii's action may bind the other states, Senator Don Nickles, Republican of Oklahoma, and Representative Bob Barr, Republican of Georgia, have introduced a measure known as the Defence of Marriage Act, which the proponents claim will ensure that the states and the federal Government do not have to recognise same-sex marriages just because some other state does. The legislation was co-sponsored by Republican presidential candidate and former Senator Bob Dole and has been already approved by a House sub-committee. Other conservative lawmakers have also introduced proactive legislation. In New York, for example, a Queens Republican introduced a Bill in the State Senate providing that "a marriage is absolutely void if contracted by two members of the same sex, regard-

less of whether such marriage is recognised or solemnised in another jurisdiction". A memorandum accompanying the measure says that "heterosexual relationships traditionally have worked best for the raising of healthy children. In this sense, homosexual relationships are unnatural."

The debate is reminiscent of the tension between libertarian and religious values seen in the school prayer and abortion issues. The Roman Catholic Church teaches that heterosexual union and its social affirmation are at the core of the possibility of civilisation. Blackstone's *Commentaries* on the Laws of England calls the practice "the infamous crime against nature" so horrible as "not fit to be named among Christians". But the constitution's due process clause

protects those fundamental rights that are "implicit in the concept of ordered liberty".

On the other hand, religious and moral teaching have endorsed the traditional marital relationship. Presidential candidates have claimed they yield the high ground to no one on the issue of family values. But contemporary American society also condemns discrimination of whatever nature and in all its forms.

On the single-sex marriage issue, the state is differentiating between committed homosexual relationships and committed heterosexual relationships on the basis that only heterosexual relationships are reflective of natural law. Whether this is rational or discriminatory will be decided by the Hawaii courts.

The author, a trial lawyer, is a partner in Brown & Wood, a New York law firm.

Accounts and law add up

A top City law firm has appointed an accountant, reports Jo Carr

Alan Morris is at the vanguard of a new breed of professionals brought in to manage some of the country's top law firms. At 39 he is not only young but also qualified chartered management accountant and the first non-lawyer to be elected to the post of managing director in a top-ten City firm, Simmons & Simons.

The fact that the partners had to vote to change the firm's constitution to allow a non-partner to stand for election shows just how fundamental the change is.

Beating off the three partners who then stood against him in the election was much more straightforward, he says: "I have been here seven years so they knew what I could do."

Morris, who takes over next year, gives the impression of a man tired of being told that he is not a lawyer, and is quick to point out that he has an LLM. Much more important, in his view, is the fact that he has "had the advantage of a whole range of management training at an early age. There is no reason why a lawyer cannot do the job as well, but the things that really score are the exposure to business life and management."

His own on-the-job training came at companies such as Tate & Lyle, Esso, the Royal Bank of Canada and the MI Group. Simmons & Simons has also transformed the way it runs itself over the last five years. When Morris joined in 1988 as deputy head of finance, the firm was run more, he says, as a benevolent dictatorship. He had been approached by a headhunter to join a different law firm, and his old law tutor suggested he approached Simmons & Simons

before deciding. The then senior partner, Stephen James, invited him to join the firm, saying he was not quite sure what Morris would do, although he was sure they would find something.

In fact he was soon very busy, once he realised that the firm had little in the way of monthly accounting or reporting systems, budgets or financial controls. In implementing the new procedures he learnt a valuable lesson about how law firms operate. "The challenge was to sell the new approach to the partners," he says.

In 1992 the firm brought in management consultants Hodgart Temporal & Co. "Some of the findings were difficult for us to take at the time," says Morris. But as a result, he says, the firm has a business plan and a very clear focus on the future.

"At partner level, attitudes have changed. We were not very good at getting teams to work within the firm. But we have been very good at eliminating factions and we are now much more focused on creating a corporate partnership where we pull together."

One clear potential knock-on effect of Morris's background is that he is more open to multidisciplinary practices. In his view, accounting firms offer some clear benefits, including access to a new client base and new sources of capital while allowing a law firm to keep its distinct culture.

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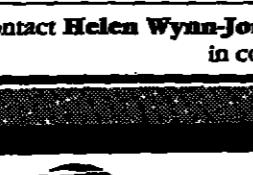
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AMERICAN FOOTBALL: LEGEND IN LIMBO AS DOLPHINS BEGIN SEASON WITH UNLIKELY VICTORY

Johnson's bandwagon bypasses Marino

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN MIAMI

JIMMY JOHNSON puffed out his famous fat cheeks until they overflowed his ears. Outside, the supporters were still chanting his name as they wended their way through the queues in the Florida Turnpike, many wearing new T-shirts inscribed with the logo "In Jimmy We Trust". Inside, he was busy telling the media how Miami Dolphins had cruised to victory in his first game as head coach by marginalising their most famous player.

If the 24-10 victory over New England Patriots in the National Football League (NFL) on Sunday evening represents

RESULTS

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Bill Belichick, New England Patriots; Dan Marino, Miami Dolphins; Jim Harbaugh, Kansas City; Tony Gonzalez, Atlanta Falcons; 13; Jacksonville; 24; Pittsburgh; 9; Minnesota; 17; Detroit; 13; St. Louis; 26; Carolina; 15; Philadelphia; 17; Washington; 14; Denver; 10; New York Jets; 6; New England; 10; San Diego; 29; Seattle; 7; San Francisco; 27; New Orleans; 11; Green Bay; 34; Tampa Bay; 3; Buffalo; 23; NY Giants; 20; (10)

the beginning of one new era here, it also appeared to mark the end of another. Dan Marino, perhaps the best quarterback to grace American football, was allowed to throw the ball just seven times in the first half, a restraint not unlike limiting Paul Gascoigne to seven passes. Gone, it seems, are the days when his right arm held up his team and hurled it forwards.

In the hubbub of the locker-room afterwards, though, as the euphoria surrounding the season's opening-day triumph bounced around the walls, Marino fielded a stream of questions about how he felt about being largely ignored in



Abdul-Jabbar, the Dolphins running back, exploits a gap in the Patriots line during the match in Miami

wearing the No 13, and he will come up with great passes from time to time, but I do not want to ride Dan Marino hard all the game. He wants to win football games. That is all he cares about. For me, I have had a lot of big, big wins in my career, but this is something special."

In the 90-degree heat on Sunday, though, things changed. The Dolphins used Karim Abdul-Jabbar, their rookie running back, extensively and with great success. Marino was largely relegated to the role of handing him the ball. None of his team's three touchdowns came from his

front of his locker, a stream of journalists asked him if he was worried about his "numbers", the times that he was allowed to pass.

The only numbers I care about are winning numbers," Marino said. "If I win, I am happy. There will be a number of times this season when we will not be able to run it so good, I am sure, so I will get my chance. At least it should help to protect me from getting hit so many times."

"I don't want to play anywhere else. I just want to play for the Miami Dolphins. I love playing. I want to play for as long as I can. As far as the Super Bowl goes, I hope my time will come. Hopefully, I will stay healthy long enough to be a part of it."

Miami's crushing of the Patriots was one of the only surprises on an opening day of the season that saw all the teams tipped for success perform efficiently. Green Bay Packers, inspired by Brett Favre, their quarterback, who is recovering from an addiction to painkillers, routed Tampa Bay Buccaneers 34-3 and San Francisco 49ers beat New Orleans Saints 27-11, despite an injury to Steve Young, their quarterback.

Baltimore Ravens, the NFL's replacement for Cleveland Browns, won their first game as the sport returned to the city for the first time since 1983, but the day's hard luck story went to Neil O'Donnell, another quarterback, the man who led Pittsburgh Steelers in the Super Bowl in January, when they were beaten by Dallas Cowboys.

O'Donnell left the Steelers in the summer for a five-year \$25 million (about £16 million) deal with New York Jets, the sport's most parlous team. Yesterday, even though the Steelers were soundly beaten by Carolina Panthers, he may have been ruined his decision: he was sacked eight times in the Jets' 31-6 defeat by Denver Broncos.

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GOLF: STUTTERING START TO PROFESSIONAL CAREER PROVES MORE IS REQUIRED THAN PRODIGIOUS TALENT

Davies on track to claim Rail Classic

Laura Davies, of Great Britain, was two shots off the lead going into the final round of the Rail Classic in Springfield, Illinois, yesterday.

Davies, four times a winner on the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour this year, was in a five-way tie for third place on a total of 136 after a second successive round of 68, four under par. "This course is better than I've ever seen it," Davies said. "My plan for the final round is to attack."

Betsy King, of the United States, led the surge on Sunday as seven players were tied for the lead after the second round of the 54-hole event. King, who is looking for her first win since being inducted into the LPGA Hall of Fame in 1995, had a 67.

Joining King at the top of the leaderboard were Alice Miller, Michelle McGann, Barb Whitehead, Denise Killeen, Tracy Kerdyk and Mayumi Hirase. Miller and McGann both had 68s. Whitehead returned a 66, Kerdyk and Hirase had 68s, and Killeen a 70.

Kris Tschetter, the first-round leader, bogeyed the last three holes and finished with a 75, 12 strokes off her career-best opening round.

King had 11 birdies en route to her share of the lead. "I missed a few fairways early and didn't putt that well," she said. "I think you will see a lot of low scores in the final round. Kris did not play as well as she did in the first round and that brought a lot of people back into the tournament. I think 15 or 16 under will win."

Kerdyk made a 45-foot putt at the par three fifth for the longest birdie of the day.

Colin Montgomerie, of Scotland, has fallen one place to sixth in the Sony rankings of the world's leading golfers after finishing ninth in the British Masters. Greg Norman, from Australia, has a clear lead over the pack. Nick Faldo, the other Briton in the top ten, is fourth.

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Woods is aware of the pitfalls he could encounter because of his colour and premature wealth in a sport still uncomfortable with prejudices. Photograph: Peter Zuzga

Tiger prepares to earn his stripes

David Miller on a rookie carrying the weight of expectation on his shoulders

The 18th hole at Brown Deer Park, home of the Greater Milwaukee Open, is a broad uphill sweep of 557 yards, a par five. Tiger Woods, playing his first tournament as a professional, covered all but a couple of yards in two strokes, a feat beyond the scope of all but half a dozen of his new, vastly more experienced colleagues. The last seven feet, however, took Woods another two strokes; he misread the line, as he often did over four days — never mind his hole in one on Sunday — and missed the birdie.

He was asked if he was ready for failure. "Yes," he said instantly, "every time you step on the course you have failure. I will lose more than I win." Was he afraid of the tour? "I have no fear," he answered steadily. "My decision to turn professional now, two years before the conclusion of his course at Stanford University, was made so thoroughly. If it had been made on a whim, I might have fear."

Woods's modest four-round total of 277, 12 strokes behind Loren Roberts, who beat Jerry Kelly in a play-off, earned him \$2,544. He has six more tournaments in which to reach the \$150,000 gross that would exempt him from qualifying for the 1997 tour. "If I don't [make enough], I'll go to qualifying school like everyone else," he said, unabashed.

Turning professional, he insisted, was not about money but about happiness. "I believe my game is good enough. I just want to have fun."

Some might find statement hard to accept, given the knowledge that Earl, his father, had been busy brokering mega-million deals. Knowing the son little, having watched him in only three leading events, I would trust his word. He gives unfalteringly direct answers, which can be interpreted as arrogant only by those intolerant of youthful confidence. Bob Hope on the golf course at the age of three.

Yet the pitfalls that lie ahead are many and substantial, and concerned not merely with whether he can broaden his exceptional talents as an amateur, but will encounter resentment of his premature wealth among some colleagues. Just as he was once tied to a tree as the only black boy at his school, he will now find himself equally tied to the Nike stake. A target.

A 60-second television commercial by Nike, "Hello, world," bestows on Woods a

disagreeably presumptuous manner. Probable involvement with IMG could cause further embarrassment, enriching his earnings ahead of his game. The failures that he admits are inevitable have in advance been made unavoidably more conspicuous. Butch Harmon, his coach, said: "All the amateur titles won't mean anything, he'll have to prove himself in a hard environment where there's no mercy."

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Rowell to focus on coaching duties

By DAVID HANDS

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU), which has not been short of problems this year, will focus with some relief on the game's playing side today when it announces a reshaped management structure for England. A change of emphasis will confirm Jack Rowell's place at the head of the coaching structure; Don Rutherford, the RFU's technical director, will take over certain managerial aspects.

At the same time, the opportunity arises for further discussion of England's playing programme, regardless of whether they still have a role in the five nations' championship. The International Rugby Football Board's tour committee meets in Dublin today and tomorrow and the RFU will seek to confirm arrangements with the southern-hemisphere powers.

It already has a five-year structure in place with Australia; it is understood that New Zealand will shortly follow suit; and both England and France are pursuing regular meetings with South Africa, which could be played in February or March. France have an agreement with the Celtic nations not to play England during that period in the event of the RFU being expelled from the five nations, but it would not take too much tinkering with dates for the three countries to acquire a tri-nation tournament.

Will Carling, the former England captain, is likely to have his wish to play at stand-off half granted by Harlequins when they play Cardiff on September 11 in the Anglo-Welsh championship. "There is every chance he will play there," Dick Best, the club's director of rugby, said yesterday. Carling has already acquired one new role this season, that of goalkicker for Harlequins.

However, Simon Geoghegan, the Bath and Ireland wing, will not be so fortunate. His playing horizons are very limited over the next three months because he requires yet further surgery to his left foot and could miss the pre-Christmas internationals with Western Samoa and Australia. He flies to San Diego this weekend for an operation.

Hill admits his judgment was wrong

DAVID HANDS

When you have money, friends flock to your side. When you have not, you cut your cloth accordingly, but Richard Hill, the former Bath and England scrum half, has discovered that he trimmed too close to the margins on Saturday. His selective policy of selection on behalf of Gloucester has rebounded on him.

Not that Hill has anything to hide. As director of rugby at Kingsholm, he has recruited within his very limited means during the summer, aware that the quality of players that he can realistically choose bears no comparison with the international cavalry who have galloped into the monied ranks of Bath, Harlequins, Wasps and Richmond.

He might have anticipated the backlash that duly arrived. Club elders, supporters, other club officials, the administrators of the championship, all have reason to grouse and many have done so. Hill said yesterday: "In hindsight, what I did on Saturday was not the right thing. I had the best of intentions and I thought it was a good idea, but I have learnt a harsh lesson."

Hill is charged with keeping Gloucester in the first division, and he knows better than most by how much his team falls short of those with championship aspirations. Indeed, rival coaches have shown that they appreciate his position.

"It's very difficult for Richard, and I understand the principle behind his thinking."

Dick Best, the director of rugby at Harlequins, said: "He has limited resources and he has to save his best for the games he thinks he can win, but to do it cold-bloodedly at the start of the season might have surprised some people."

Indeed it did, notably in a city which last month began a membership drive and which today is due to announce a new club sponsor in the shape of Westbury Homes.

It is hard to sell rugby to potential spectators and backers if, at the same time, you tell them that they will not see the best players on the pitch every week — particularly in Gloucester, where the rugby club has been a source of considerable pride for more than a century. Not only that, Gloucesters, in common with nearly everyone else this season, are being invited to pay more to watch their rugby, to help to pay rocketing wage bills, and they, not unreasonably, expect value for their money.

Hill achieved a fund of goodwill last season when he moved from Bath and helped the club to stave off relegation — even if the fight proved unnecessary after it was agreed that no club would be

demoted — but, last Saturday, he tested his popularity to the limit and the competition regulations: those approved by the Rugby Football Union and those of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc), who are now charged with running the first and second divisions.

Both require clubs to turn out their bona fide first XVs; Epruc calls for the "strongest possible" sides for league matches and it does not need a long memory to recall incidents as recently as last season when clubs were accused of bringing the game into disrepute by fielding weakened sides. Now Harlequins have 15 points in the bag, which may make a difference between a place in the top European competition in eight months' time, or even the league title.

Equally, the points conceded by Gloucester may make the difference between staying up or going down.



Bowlers from Oxford City and County and Wickford BL of Essex measure up in the first round of the triples at Royal Leamington Spa yesterday

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RADIO CHOICE

Laughter at the Coliseum

A Night at the Opera. Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am. Title and general hilarity apart, Lesley Garrett's guided tour of the English Opera Company's home at the London Coliseum has nothing to do with the Marx Brothers. By profession, Garrett is an opera soprano, by nature, one of nature's clowns. Anything and everything sets her off. It could be somewhere like the wig-maker's den, the dress designer's quarters, or the canteen where, we are told, singers don't order dairy products because they make the voice sound froggy. Or it could be the place where you would least expect Garrett to find anything to laugh about — her dressing room, with its peeling plaster and cascading wall tiles.

Jesus Bids Us Shine. Radio 2, 9.00pm. Robert Raikes, the founder of Sunday schools, gets short shrift in Hazel Bradley's otherwise detailed account of the movement: just a few words about him at the start and a mention at the end. But what matters is that Raikes' brainchild grew up robustly thanks in small measure to a diet of marvellous songs. To name just a few: *Tell Me the Old, Old Story* and *All Things Bright and Beautiful*. Hazel Bradley is not exaggerating when she says that the values taught at Sunday school become the building blocks from which many children earlier this century constructed the rest of their lives. Her programme is studded with hymns and songs from the Choir of 1996 Music School in Belfast. Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo 6.30am Dave Pearce 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lea (Anson) 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier 6.00 Evening Session 6.00 City Film 10.00 Mark Lamer 12.00 Clare Sturgess 4.00am Clive Warren

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30am *Wake Up to Women* 8.00 Ken Bruce 11.00 *Jimmy Young* 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Alex Lester 6.05 Paul Heiney 7.00 Hayes Over Britain 8.30 *The Elephant Man* (26) 9.00 *Jesus Bids Us Shine* 9.15 *Choir of the Month* 10.00 *Merlin* 11.45 *Off the Shelf* 12.30 *Morden* 1.15 *Britain Today* 1.30 *Counterspot* 3.05 *Outlook* 3.30 *Multirack* 4.15 *English* 4.30 *News in German* 5.30 *Business* 5.45 *Britain Today* 6.10 *World Today* 6.30 *Europe* 6.30 *Country* 7.01 *Proms* 9.25 *Words of Faith* 9.30 *Megamix* 10.05 *Business* 10.15 *Britain Today* 10.30 *Meridian* 11.30 *World Today* 11.45 *Sports Roundup* 12.15 *Vocalbox* 12.15 *Pop the Question* 12.30 *Megamix* 1.30 *Folk Routes* 4.45 *British Today* 5.30 *Outlook* 2.55 *Words of Faith* 3.30 *Megamix* 4.15 *Sports Roundup* 4.30 *Europe Today*

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. *Europe Today* 6.00 *Europe Today* 7.00 *The World Today* 7.30 *Anything Goes* 8.15 *Off the Shelf* 8.30 *New Ideas* 8.50 *Exit* — Pursued by a Bear 9.15 *Thirty-Minute Drama*. *The End of Lieutenant Bonvouloir* 9.45 *Good Books* 10.05 *Business* 10.15 *Britain of Brian* 10.45 *Country* 11.45 *Off the Shelf* 12.30 *Morden* 1.15 *Britain Today* 1.30 *Counterspot* 3.05 *Outlook* 3.30 *Multirack* 4.15 *English* 4.30 *News in German* 5.30 *Business* 5.45 *Britain Today* 6.10 *World Today* 6.30 *Europe* 6.30 *Country* 7.01 *Proms* 9.25 *Words of Faith* 9.30 *Megamix* 10.05 *Business* 10.15 *Britain Today* 10.30 *Meridian* 11.30 *World Today* 11.45 *Sports Roundup* 12.15 *Vocalbox* 12.15 *Pop the Question* 12.30 *Megamix* 1.30 *Folk Routes* 4.45 *British Today* 5.30 *Outlook* 2.55 *Words of Faith* 3.30 *Megamix* 4.15 *Sports Roundup* 4.30 *Europe Today*

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am *Morning Reports*, incl 5.45 *Wake Up to Money* 6.00 *The Breakfast Programme* incl 6.35, 7.35 *racing preview* 8.35 *The Magazine*, with Diana Maitlis, incl 10.35 *News from Europe* 12.00 *Midday with Mairi*, incl 12.35pm *Moneycheck* 2.05 *Russo on Free 900* 3.00 *Entertainment News* 4.00 *Entertainment News* 7.00 *News* 8.00 *Evening Session* 9.20 *Sports Bulletin* 7.26 *The Tuesday Match*, with Mark Pougatch. Coverage of the night's football action including Arsenal v. Chelsea; Blackburn v. Leeds and Wimbledon v. Spurs 10.05 *News Talk*, with Nigel Cassidy 11.00 *Night Extra*, with Valerie Vaz 12.00 *Evening Session* 1.00 *House with Vincent Hanna* 2.05 *Up All Night*, with Rhod Sharp

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VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am *Russ 'n' Jono* 9.00 *Richard Stower* 12.00 *Graham Dore* 14.00 *Nicky Hornsby* 7.00 *Paul Coyte* (FM) *Robin Banks* (AM) 10.00 *Mark Forrest* 2.00am *Jeremy Clark*

RADIO 3

6.00am *On Air*, *Includes Bach* (Trio Sonata in D minor, BWV526); *Kunreuter* (Dance Suite for jazz band and orchestra); *Carlo Baguer* (Sonatina No 13 in E flat); *Beethoven* (Piano Sonata in C sharp minor, Op 27 No 2, *Moonlight*); *9.00 Morning Collection*, with *Catrina Young*, *Includes Beethoven* (Romance No 1 in G, Op 40); *Poulenc* (Two Intermezzos)

10.00 Musical Encounters. *Includes Liszt* (Piano Concerto, *Allegro*); *Armenia* (Preludges); *Beethoven* (Op. 121a); *Haydn* (Piano Sonata in G minor); *Beethoven* (Operated, Op 121b)

12.00 Composers of the Week: *Gerhard and the Heritage of Spain*

1.00 The BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, under Jane Glover. *Includes Constantini* (Children's Pieces, excepted); *Rameau* (*Les Cyclopes*); *L'Entriement des Muses*; *Skalkottas* (*Piano Suite No 3*); *Satie* (*Gymnopedie No 2*) (1)

3.15 Proms *The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra*, under *Horia Andreescu*, with Steven Osborne, piano. *Includes Tchaikovsky* (*March Slave*); *Schumann* (*Piano Concerto* in A minor); *Reichmnan* (*Symphony No 1* in D minor)

5.00 Music Machine, with *Tommy Pearson* (1); **5.15 In Tune**, with *Natalie Wihenn*, *Includes Mendelssohn* (*Nocturne*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*); *Bach* (*Brandenburg Concerto No 5* in F); *Fauré* (*Requiem*); *Berlioz* (*Messe in G*)

7.00 BBC Proms 1996, *Live from the Albert Hall*. *The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra*, under *Simon Rattle*, *Alfred Brendel*, piano; *Berlioz* (*Overture Le corsaire*); *Beecham* (*Piano Concerto No 5* in E flat); *Prokofiev* (*Messiah*); *Poulenc* (*Messe in G*)

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9.25 The Proms *Cat Home and Away* (25)

9.35 The Corelli Connection. *Includes Corelli* (*Trio Sonata in B minor*, Op 3 No 4); *Bach* (*Fugue in B minor* on a theme by Corelli, BWV579); *Telmann* (*Sonata Concertante* in E)

10.00 BBC Proms 1996, *The BBC Singers*, under *Stephen Cleobury*. *Includes Victoria* (*Tenebrae Responsories for Good Friday*); *James MacMillan* (*Mari*); *Victoria* (*Tenebrae Responsories for Holy Saturday*); *Britten* (*Sacred and Profane*)

11.30 Composer Of the Week: *Brahms* (1)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with *Digby Fairweather*

1.00 Through the Night, with *David Comet*

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) only 8.00 *News Briefing* incl *Weather* 8.10 *Farming* 8.15 *Prayer for the Day* 8.30 *Today* 7.25, 8.25 *Sport* 7.45 *Thought for the Day* 8.45 *Family Life* 8.45 *Death* 8.55 *Woman's Day* 8.55 *Weather* 9.00 *News* 9.00 *Call Nick Ross* 0171-580 4444

10.00 News *A Night at the Opera* (FM). *See Choice* 10.00 *Prayer for the Day* (LW) 10.15 *On This Day* (LW) 10.30 *Women's Day*

11.30 Medicine Now, with *Geoff Wats*

12.00 News *You And Yours*, with *Lesley Riddoch*

12.25 The Word of Mouth, *The word without words and the way we say them*, presented by *Russell Davies* 12.55 *Weather*

1.00 The World At One, with *Nick Clarke*

1.40 The Archers (1) 1.55 *Shipping Forecast*

2.00 News *Books and Company*, *John Walsh* returns with the programme dedicated to books and their readers (1)

You wait ages for a new series, and then . . .

Who was it who sang the song *I Don't Like Mondays*? No prizes, I'm afraid, remember... it's just for fun? No? It was, of course, Bob Geldof, former Boomtown Rat, former husband of Paula Yates, and still one of the guiding lights behind *Planet 24*, the company that makes *The Big Breakfast* for Channel 4. But more of him, or rather that, in a moment.

Normally, I don't mind Mondays but I'm prepared to make an exception for ones such as yesterday. It was a television reviewer's worst nightmare. The first weekday in September is traditionally a busy one, but boosted by the BBC's decision to revamp its daytime schedule it became ridiculous. No fewer than 25 new series started yesterday, 26 if you counted the new look given to *The Big Breakfast*. I set my alarm clock.

Not having begun the day on Channel 4 before seven for Gaby

Roslin I had a self-imposed 8.30am watershed. I can only presume that the opening titles are as new as everything else. If so, it should be pointed out that they now bear a strong resemblance to some once used by TV-am. Still, I don't suppose anybody working at *The Big Breakfast* is old enough to remember TV-am.

What else was new? Ah yes, the makeover of *Lock-keeper's Cottages* was finally unveiled. The old brick cottages from which the programme is presented have been given a Bauhaus look. In other words... they look just like a television studio. "And down there is the lounge," said Sharron Davies, peering down an airy lightwell, "but we call it the den." Guess what they had in the den? Sophs. Mould-breaking stuff.

Davies (chosen for the job apparently on the strength of her onscreen flirting with Des Lynam during the Olympic Games) has

been paired up with Rick Adams, a young man on whom the word "zany" has clearly made a lasting impression. Adams is both younger and shorter than Davies, which breaks so many broadcasting conventions that it might just work. But I wouldn't bet on it. Yesterday's opening show (at least the bits I saw) was pretty much the traditional disaster that all new breakfast formats are, with the chemistry between the nervous presenters — sexual or otherwise — conspicuous by its absence. Countdown to relaunch? About six weeks, I'd say.

I know what you're thinking: one down, 25 to go. But don't worry, after my early start I faded fast, disheartened by the discovery that of those 25 new series, no fewer than five were new cookery programmes, four from the BBC (including the return of the superb *Ready, Steady, Cook* —



Matthew Bond

hurrah). For novelty I went for ITV's lunchtime offering, the oh-so-cleverly-named *Quisine*.

Some novelty, this was a BBC show, only with commercial breaks. It was presented by Chris Kelly, who may have cut his broadcasting teeth on ITV's *Clapperboard* but is now best known as the genial host of BBC2's *Food and Drink*, while the cooking was done by Nick Nairn, a

regular on *Ready, Steady, Cook* and whose own series, *Wild Harvest*, has just finished its run on BBC2. Just to rub sea-salt in it, he popped up on BBC1 two hours later, to provide the answer to *Who'll Make the Pudding?*

The programme's question and answer format (*Quisine's*, that is) is undoubtedly eccentric. Where else would you find ten questions based on the recipe for vegetable samosa? But it is also modestly instructive and moderately engaging. My favourite round was "Stock the Larder", which allows contestants to come out with truly wonderful lines such as "lemon curd for five please, Chris" or "groundhuts for 15".

By comparison "I'll have a B please, Bob" looks positively tame.

Two down, 24 to... oh forget it. I have saved the best until last. Or rather I will, once I have told you that *The Upper Hand* (ITV) returned with a worrying lack of

laughs and that a new series of *Cutting Edge* (Channel 4) got underway with an almost over-timed but eventually thought-provoking look at *The Sextuplet Business*. The thought it provoked in me was: why on earth is unpredictable hormone fertility treatment offered to women who already have one child? As the great Delia Smith once said: "One is fun. Six, as this made clear, were not."

The film exuded charm, helped by the unfashionable but forgivable technique of deliberately staging much of the action for the cameras. It was, however, a shame that this included the new team's big moment, when they finally unveiled the finished routine in Cardiff. We never did find out what happened in that neon-lit sports hall. Instead we were treated to (and possibly cheated by) a fantasy sequence on a smoke-layered, artfully-lit dancefloor.

That apart, director Suzanne Phillips did not put a foot wrong.

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BBC1
6.00am Business Breakfast (75834)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (61512)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (955593)

9.20 Style Challenge (896947) 9.45 Kilroy (166029) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (47357)

11.00 News and weather (4595425)

11.05 Shadows of the Heart (2/2) (5506784)

Includes at 12.00 News and weather

12.50pm Mary Berry's Ultimate Cakes (19426899)

1.00 News and weather (71999)

1.30 Regional News and weather (4586203)

1.40 Neighbours (32970222) 2.00 Call My Bluff (6545715) 2.35 Turnabout (1174593)

3.00 NEW The Terrace. Mike Reid fronts a twice-weekly DIY/design show from Birmingham (3338)

4.30 Moomin (8465067) 3.50 Little Mouse on the Prairie (8469883) 4.15 The All New Poppy Show (757083) 4.25 Ocean Odyssey (s) (4188970) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (7278085) 5.10 Byker Grove (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2981845)

5.35 Neighbours (s) (224777)

6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (777)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (57)

7.00 Holidays Out. The last in the series, with Kirsty Young and Ben Hall presenting ideas for days out and weekends away for the summer months (Ceefax) (s) (5390)

7.30 EastEnders. A face from the past turns up to surprise Cindy and David (Ceefax) (i) (41)

8.00 NEW 999 Lifesavers. Michael Buerk and Juliet Morris return with more extraordinary true stories focusing on youthful courage and bravery (Ceefax) (s) (1338)

8.30 Big Break Trick Shot (Ceefax) (s) (3195)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News, Regional News and weather (Ceefax) (4863)

9.30 NEW After the Break. Award-winning Northern Ireland entertainer Patrick Kiely hosts a humorous show looking at television advertising (46116)

10.00 NEW Crimewatch UK. Nick Ross and Jill Dando ask for viewers' help in solving crimes (Ceefax) (s) (629628)

10.45 FILM: Out on a Limb (1992). Frantic comedy. Manhattan stockbroker Bill Campbell is just about to sew up the biggest deal of his life when a call from his sister prompts a series of disasters to befall him. With Matthew Broderick. Directed by Francis Veber (Ceefax) (s) (6106796)

12.05am Crimewatch UK Update (Ceefax) (s) (3574723)

12.15 FILM: The Doberman Gang (1972). Animal comedy adventure. A group of bungling crooks decide the best way to eliminate an human error is to train a gang of fierce doberman dogs to carry out their crimes. Directed by David Chudnow (3904617)

1.40-1.45 Weather (7249636)

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BBC2
6.00am Open University: Electrons and Atoms (2686593) 6.25 Paris and the New Mathematics (2605628) 6.50 Samples of Analysis (904131)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (807222)

7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (932512)

7.55 Blue Peter (r) (Ceefax) (2588049)

8.20 Charlie Chalk (6472715) 8.30 Lassie (2340222)

9.00 See Hear (49715) 9.30 Blitz on Cartoons (53406)

10.00 Playdays (3143932) 10.25 On the Road Again (515319)

10.55 A Question of Sport's Golden Oldies (1086593)

11.25 Wisley Through the Seasons: Summer (5196864)

12.15pm Young Man and His Dog (211808)

1.00 The Perfect Pudding Programme (r) (62241) 1.30 Working Lunch (565933)

2.00 Charlie Chalk (5044419)

2.15 FILM: Home Fires Burning (1968). Second World War drama. Directed by Glenn Jordan (271998)

3.55 News (Ceefax) (4188222)

4.00 Today's the Day (70) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (54) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (9632422) 5.40 A Week to Remember (r) (Ceefax) (s) (53574)

6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air: The Ethnic Tip (226796)

6.25 Heartbreak High (Ceefax) (124715)

7.10 The O Zone Special. Jayne Middlemiss and Jamie Theakston go backstage at Knebworth, scene of Oasis' recent concerts. Jamie and Jayne discover just how nervous the bands get before they go on stage in front of 100,000 fans (579222)

7.30 The Chemistry of Almost Everything: Creation. A series that investigates the way chemistry affects our lives (63)

8.00 Picture This: Who Do I Love the Most? Seven pairs of brothers and sisters talk about the pains and pleasures of sibling rivalry (Ceefax) (s) (2980)

8.30 Tracks. Highlights from the documentary series about the countryside (Ceefax) (1715)

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Veteran Edberg stands between young Briton and quarter-finals

Henman soars to new heights

FROM DAVID MILLER
IN NEW YORK

TO BECOME a hero, he has to beat a hero. For Tim Henman, who will be 22 on Friday, to emulate his Wimbledon achievement two months ago and reach the quarter-finals of the US Open, he must tomorrow defeat his practice partner from London, Stefan Edberg, champion here in 1991 and 1992, but unseeded this year. The prospect is well within the compass of Britain's accelerating meteor.

Henman may not yet be in the service-power category of Mark Philippoussis, his Australian contemporary — who will be 20 in November and meets Pete Sampras, the No 1 seed — yet Henman's comprehensive reversal of his straight-sets defeat by Todd Martin at Wimbledon, winning his first match on Flushing Meadow's centre court by

Hingis comes of age 45
Results 45

6-2, 7-6, 6-4, carried an authority that reduced the noisy, chauvinist crowd to near silence. This was no fluke, but the product of maturing skills.

The last Briton in the fourth round of the US Open was John Lloyd, who reached the quarter-finals in 1984, losing to Jimmy Connors. Lloyd was the last British finalist in any grand-slam event, in Australia in 1977 when he lost to Vitas Gerulaitis. There is every reason to believe that Henman can become the most accomplished British men's player since the era of Perry, Austin and Hughes before the war.

David Felgate, the Lawn Tennis Association's director of men's tennis and Henman's personal coach, said after the late-night victory under floodlights that he considered it an improvement on the victory over Kafelnikov in the first round at Wimbledon.

Americans had not heard of Henman. They have now. Even the CBS television commentators were caught off guard by his composure, as indeed was Martin, the No 12 seed. John McEnroe, the best media analyst since Jack Kramer, had wondered how



Henman reaches to make a forehand return during his victory over Martin that avenged his defeat in the quarter-final at Wimbledon

Henman would fare on the synthetic surface, compared with Wimbledon's grass. Martin was quickly to discover that hard courts are Henman's favourite surface; that he can stay back and trade ground strokes as comfortably as coming to the net.

There was speculation that a problem with Martin's right elbow, which was heavily strapped, would affect his

service strength. Afterwards, Martin sportingly refused to hide behind any excuse. "The elbow felt fine," he said. "The only problem was... playing without a real good serve against a guy who is aggressive. The first set he jumped on me pretty quickly, and by the time I got up, it was pretty late in the second set."

Martin's service may have been marginally reduced in pace, to some 100mph, but he put 68 per cent of his first services in court, 17 per cent more than Henman, and hit seven aces to Henman's four.

"I think the reason for the drop in the level of my play is because of the way Tim played," Martin reflected. "He lost focus a little bit, missed a few first serves when he needed them, but that was matched by his ability to rise to the occasion — the sign of a very good player."

Never did Henman's resolve flicker. Not when he double faulted to lose his service, allowing Martin to break back for 2-2 in the second set; not when break point down again two games later; not when two set points down at 5-4 and not even when foot-faulted on second service three points later in the same game, which he eventually rescued.

Henman agreed that his

service was patchy, even though there were times when the ball was flying at around 120mph. Two such services secured a second set tie-break.

A superb forehand return down the line having just given him a point on Martin's service to lead 5-4. At Wimbledon, it had been Martin who won tie-breaks to take the first two sets, then the third by 6-4.

"I think the other parts of

my game, where I was hitting the ball off the ground, my volleys, were what really won it for me," Henman said.

"Having said that, 5-4 in the tie-break was a good time to come up with two big serves."

In the first set, Henman had bitten his rival's heels for the first time when breaking for 3-2 on a couple of backhand rallies from 30-all. Martin

making two backhand errors.

But Martin discovered he was really under assault when two superb forehand drives by Henman brought another two break points, Martin going 2-5 down on another faulty backhand. Henman broke his opponent for the third time in a row to lead 1-0 in the second set, but from 2-0 he played three uncertain games to trail 3-2. He did not fully regather himself until saving the set point and levelling for 5-5.

In another early service break saw him lead 3-0 in the third set and, though a double fault allowed Martin to break back for 4-3, Henman's temperament, the level eye with which he regarded his opponent, remained as steady as ever.

He struck a marvelous

forehand pass to lead 5-4. On Martin's service in the next game, Henman hit an extraordinary, blind backhand smash that left his rival gaping, and after a double fault had given Henman match point, he secured it with a crisp forehand. It had been an impressive stuff.

It will be Henman's first match against Edberg, 30, a player who has been an inspiration and on whom he has modelled much of his play. Now will be the moment to reveal just how much he has learnt from those hours of practice together.



Martin refused to use his heavily-strapped elbow as an excuse for his comprehensive third-round defeat

Silent Hill is still in demand

BY OLIVER HOLT

DAMON HILL spent yesterday at home in Dublin pondering the question of how, when he arrives in Monaco on Thursday for the Italian Grand Prix, to conduct the post-mortem into the circumstances of his sacking by Frank Williams. Even as he speaks, another press conference is likely to be held at the circuit where the son of an undertaker will administer the last rites for his Williams career.

Sources in Germany have yesterday that Williams have chosen the day when Hill will speak for the first time about their sudden split to announce formally what everybody already knows, that they have signed Heinz-Harald Frentzen, the driver who used to work in his father's funeral home, as replacement for the Englishman next season.

Frentzen, 29, who has competed in 45 Grands Prix for the Swiss Sauber team and was rated more highly than Michael Schumacher when they drove together in German Formula 3, is thought to have secured a two-year deal



Frentzen: highly rated

Eddie Irvine, the popular and talented Ulsterman, who is Schumacher's current partner, recently signed a one-year extension to this year's contract. It was being suggested yesterday, however, that if Irvine's interests could be looked after, then some factions at Ferrari who are said to be unhappy with his performances, would jump at the chance of taking Hill.

Schumacher is believed to be receptive to the idea, too, because his contract assures him of number one status in his great rival, Schumacher.

Bernie Ecclestone, the president of the Formula One constructor's association, gave Hill another boost yesterday when he said it would be a matter of regret if the Englishman was not to find a place in one of the other top three teams. Part of his thinking, no doubt, centred on the desirability of the continuation of Hill's high profile struggle with Schumacher, especially in light of ITV's recent payment of £70 million for the British rights to the sport for five years.

"It would be a pity to see Damon driving somewhere

where he would not be competitive," Ecclestone said. "He could be very important for a team and a sponsor because he has a good following now."

"He is capable of winning races. His record shows that. I only feel sorry for him insofar as if Frank had made his decision already, perhaps he could have told Damon a little earlier because there is not much of a market."

Jordan, and the fledgling Stewart Grand Prix team, both expressed cautious interest in Hill yesterday, and a drive alongside David Coulthard at McLaren is still a possibility. Hill was even given a vote of support by the team that has discarded him.

"As far as the team are concerned," a Williams spokeswoman said, "Damon will be given 100% support in the remaining races, as will Jacques Villeneuve. They will be given the same equipment and the same support, as has been the case throughout the season."

Hill leads Villeneuve by 13 points in the race for the driver's title with three Grands Prix to go.

CRICKET 44

Illingworth's last chance to clear up fine old mess



Hartford not impressed by City offer

By DAVID MADDOCK

MANCHESTER City have a ship at the centre of their emblem, but, at the moment, the club appears rudderless. The sense of indirection heightened yesterday with news that yet another candidate for the position of manager has ruled himself out.

Asa Hartford, the assistant manager, will take charge of the team for the Nationwide League first division fixture against Charlton Athletic tonight, and only at the weekend was he told by Francis Lee, the chairman, that the job could be his permanently, should results underline his ability in the manager's seat vacated by Alan Ball.

Hartford, a former City player, has, however, no appetite for a vacancy that is proving increasingly difficult to fill. Hartford is barely qualified for the job at a club still regarded among the more powerful in England, his track record an ordinary one at Stockport County and Shrewsbury Town, but the refusal illustrates the problems that Lee is now faced with.

"I vowed never to take another manager's job, and I have no desire to go into the job at City," Hartford said. "I haven't applied for it, and any implication that I am interested in it is wrong. The problem is, of course, that a new manager could come in and I could be out of work, but the manager's job has changed so much in football over the past few years, and it's not for me."

Hartford conceded that the struggle facing anyone who should accept the challenge at Maine Road is an uphill one. Such difficulties mean that City are no nearer replacing Ball than when he lost the support of Lee and resigned last Monday evening. George

Graham has turned down an offer from the City board and it is believed that Steve Coppell, the director of football at Crystal Palace, also proved unresponsive to an approach.

Howard Kendall, the Sheffield United manager, ruled himself out yesterday, although Lee was quick to stress that he had made no approach to either him or Dave Bassett, his predecessor at Bramall Lane.

"We have not spoken to Howard Kendall, contrary to reports," he said. "We have not made any contact with

Roy Keane is likely to miss Manchester United's opening European Cup Champions' League match away to Juventus tomorrow week. Keane's recovery from a knee operation has been slower than expected. United will also be without Phil Neville and Eric Cantona for the FA Carling Premiership match away to Derby County tomorrow.

pleted the signing of Klaus Lundekvam, the Norway international, for £400,000. He will make his debut against Nottingham Forest in the FA Carling Premiership at The Dell tomorrow. Lundekvam, 23, who has been capped five times, trained with Southampton yesterday after signing a three-year contract.

It was Souless's second significant signing in a week, after he secured Robbie Slater from West Ham United for £250,000 on Friday; there could be a third by the weekend.

Lawrie McMenemy, the director of football at Southampton, said: "Graeme Souless promised us new signings when he arrived at the club and that's exactly what has happened — and there will be more to come. He is working on it at the moment and he is very keen to sign one player in the very near future who would be a record signing for the club."

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Surviving the holiday hangover

Feeling glum and depressed as you sit at your desk after two glorious weeks away from it all? You are not alone, says Giles Coren

Tired? Stressed? Demotivated? Behind with your work? Feel like you could use a holiday? Exactly. We're all in the same boat — largely because we have just got off one. Or if not a boat then a plane. For there is nothing more likely to make you depressed about your job than returning to it after a wonderful, relaxing holiday.

For most of the history of mankind the received wisdom has been that a holiday refreshes you. That it allows you to shake off the pressures and worries of the workplace, and return to your desk reinvigorated, ready to face the challenges of the coming year. But a malaise is sweeping Britain in the 1990s which threatens that long held preconception.

The holiday hangover is a very real problem, easily explained and with symptoms any jaded employee will recognise.

Lying there in the shade of a Tuscan olive tree you began to see your life in perspective. The air was clear, the view was beautiful, the weather was fine, the food was healthy and consumed at leisure. Why is it that you spend two weeks a year like this, and the other 50 inhaling carbon monoxide, looking at wet tarmac and eating curly sandwiches? Society has it all the wrong way round, you realised. This is no way to live. When you get home you will set about making a few changes.

Or, perhaps you were by the sea. Every morning you swam a mile before breakfast. You felt fit and alive. When you return you will swim every morning before work, and the beauty of your life will be mirrored by the beauty of your newly fit body.

Or, you read, lazily, all day, every day. You felt re-educated, and refreshed by the poetry of the great writers. There is no reason why you should not fit in an hour's reading after work each day. You will do it, and it will give a new depth to your quotidian humdrum.

But you come back and you do not read. You do not swim. The days go by and you forget about the Tuscan olive trees. You just push paper around and sweat over profit margins. For three days everyone says, "Wow, you look great!" and then you begin to turn a pallid, orange-grey colour, and they start saying, "God, you look terrible. I thought you went away."

Worst of all is that strange self-respect you develop when you are away from the office. You begin to see your life more organically. You realise that you are not the humble dog-body you have felt all year. There is more to you: you are a

traveller, an imbiber of culture, you understand foreign ways of life and appreciate architecture. You have met new people and, maybe, had a little holiday romance. You are glamorous, and fun to be with. When you go back to the office you will not be pushed around. They are lucky to have you, and you will fit your job into your life from now on, not the other way around.

You think it every year, don't you? And it never, ever, turns out like that. Two weeks after your return you bump into someone you haven't seen for a while and they ask you how the holiday was. You can hardly remember. You don't want to talk about it anymore. The photos come back, you can't bear to look. Other people are going away now, and you hate them for it.

You are more cowed by responsibility, more depressed, and less productive when you return than before

'Received wisdom is that a break refreshes you'

you went. And you just don't know why.

Cary Cooper, Professor of organisational psychology at Manchester University's Institute of Science and Technology, specialises in the field of stress at work, and he knows exactly why.

It is a reality in the 1990s that people spend the first week or two after a holiday feeling extremely depressed, he says. "The reason for this is that we are working harder than ever before. We work the longest hours in Europe and the cost has been enormous: job insecurity, a more frenetic lifestyle, and terrible demands created by fax, e-mail and mobile telephones.

"We have no time to evaluate what we are doing, and it is only when we go on holiday that we realise what we have been missing, the price we have paid."

He is not kidding. Think, for example, of all those times when you have got talking with someone who works at your holiday destination. The sun-tanned, bleach-haired windsurfer instructor for example. For a couple of days the realisation is fended off by intellectual snobbery. "Oh, I could never feel fulfilled doing that all year round," you

firmly I spoke to were unimpressed. "Employees are expected to just get down to it," said a spokeswoman at the merchant bank Morgan Stanley. "We do not offer any help. Although we do have a gym, they can go there if they feel stressed."

At the financial news service Bloomberg LP, employee Anna Bateson said: "As this is an American firm we only get three weeks holiday. And they think it's generous. Nothing in particular is done to help us back in, but they do try to make the office a nicer place — there are tropical fish in tanks

Just a memory: back in the office, your good intentions evaporate, you shed your holiday self and become, once again, a wage slave

and they give us a lot of fruit." Fish and fruit? Gymnasiums? We are not monkeys. Does no one understand the problems of post-holiday de-motivation?

"Motivation? The motivation is the money, and the knowledge that if we are not firing on 12 cylinders at 8am on the day we get back then we will be out of a job by lunch time," says Terry Saunders, 32, an executive in a management consultancy firm that

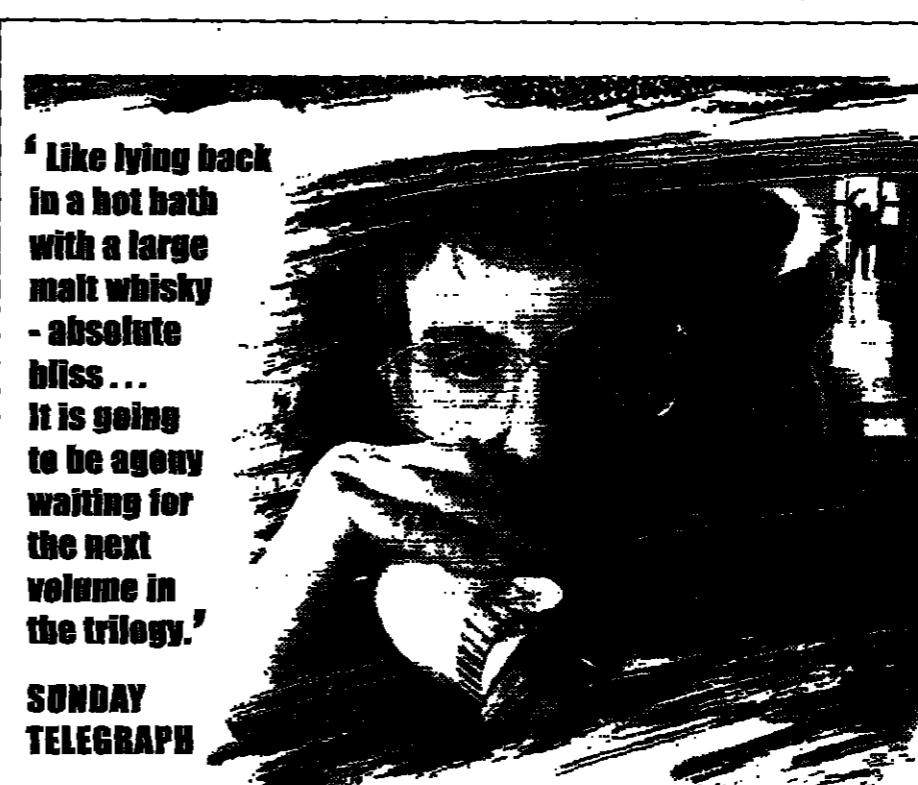
had to be folded in four and squashed into the hall as a door mat. The rather small living room wall is still bare.

It is the same for everyone. Even as you unpack the fluorescent green rubber T-shirt, hand-woven lama-hair loom pants, and wrap-around purple sunglasses, you

ask yourself "Who do these belong to?"

The answer is that they belong to the person you were a fortnight before. The one who was going to come back, chuck in his job, and become a crop-sprayer and gun-runner in South America. The person who is going to spend the next 11 months in moth-balls, just like the loon-pants, only to surface again, wearing a sombrero and a sunburnt nose, some time in August 1997.

Perhaps the problem is that we are all two people. For most of the year we are small and meek and miserable, while for



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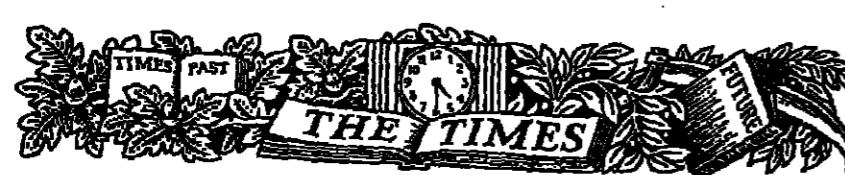
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WHY ACT AGAINST SADDAM

In order to keep Iran out, Turkey in and Iraq down

When Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait six years ago, he shook from Western eyes the dust that had so conveniently obscured the view of the eight-year Iran-Iraq War. The annexation was declared at the United Nations to be a clear danger to international peace and security. By the following spring, Iraq was driven out of Kuwait by a broad coalition led by the US.

Saddam's Iraq has not ceased to be a threat to peace. In the past five years, his efforts to hide Iraq's illegal arsenals and refusal to carry out Iraq's obligations under the UN's 1991 ceasefire resolutions have provided more than enough evidence that Iraq will continue to be a danger to its neighbours so long as he is in power. The regime's militarism is not only undimmed; it is the ideological axis of Saddam's dictatorship. War by every means, both internal and external, is what sustains his grip on power.

The Middle East may no longer be a cockpit of the Cold War, but it is a region whose strategic importance is matched only by its volatility. In such a region, no destabilising influence can be accounted insignificant and Iraq's menace extends from Turkey deep into the oil-rich Gulf.

If America and its allies ever believed in a "single bullet solution" to remove Saddam, they have had time to be disabused. They are in for the long haul and, to paraphrase what used to be said of Nato in the Cold War, the strategy for the long haul has to embrace three imperatives. Iraq must be kept down, Iran frozen out and the Middle East held within the orbit of Western friendship. To that equation must be added the increasingly delicate business of "keeping Turkey in"; the Islamist-led coalition that now governs Turkey is tempted to cut loose from the collective security enterprise.

None of this should need to be restated, in these columns or, more pertinently, at the Security Council. There, the US and Britain continue to make the strategic case; but they are losing ground against governments, including those of France and Russia, that would rather resume profitable trade with oil-rich Iraq than continue with the costly business of containment. The result of these divisions is that the US-led coalition of 1990 has lost its cutting edge. The West now appears to have no settled policy apart from overt opposition to Saddam himself — and

even this is tempered by fears that Iran will exploit any power vacuum in Iraq. There is no agreement on how to keep him down or who deserves Western backing in this endeavour; and no strategic vision of what is needed to restore security to the region.

With the exception of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait itself, Arab states are tailoring their rhetoric to this altered circumstance, as they weigh the risk that they may eventually be left to deal with Saddam as best they can. It is for this audience that Saddam staged his latest piece of theatre — exaggerating Iran's involvement in northern Iraq in order to present his military power-play as the legitimate defence of Iraq's sovereign soil. Malcolm Rifkind, at least, is prepared to state the obvious. There is nothing remotely defensive about Saddam's attack on Arbil, just as it has nothing to do with Kurdish politics. It is a bid to regain control over all of northern Iraq, and more specifically, the Iraqi oil pipeline to Turkey, as a necessary first step to re-establishing Iraq as regional bully. That is why, regardless of the chaos of Kurdish politics, it cannot be tolerated.

Saddam is gambling again. He has observed that when Iraq breaks the law, it now finds governments ready to plead for leniency. Despite Iraq's outright and repeated defiance of UN weapons inspectors this summer, Russia and France opposed British and American demands to declare Iraq in "material breach" of the council's 1991 ceasefire resolution, 687 — a step that would lay the legal foundation for military retaliation. When Iraq tests how far it can bend the law, as Saddam has in northern Iraq, the same governments play with the fine print of UN texts to justify inaction.

Saddam has challenged the West to play double or quits — taking care first to secure his back with another massive purge of Iraqi officers. There should be no question about the severity of the West's response.

But he may also have done the world a favour. The day UN sanctions are lifted, Iraq will rearm; even today, its arsenal almost certainly includes long-range missiles and banned weapons of mass destruction. That day has receded. Voices have recently been raised in favour of normal relations with Iraq, even with Saddam still in power. As so often in the past, he has made the conciliators look foolish indeed.

SILENCE IN THE CENTRE

The Liberal Democrats need not be abashed about Europe

The rise of Tony Blair and "new" Labour has left the Liberal Democrat leader, Paddy Ashdown, like a cyclist squashed between a bus and a juggernaut. Though personally popular, his party's poll ratings are low. The two remaining policies that distinguish the Liberal Democrats from Labour — support for a federal Europe and higher income tax to finance education — will hardly lure away disaffected Tories in mid-flight to Mr Blair.

So it is perhaps not surprising that the centre party seems to be playing down its European enthusiasm at its party conference later this month. Unusually, there is to be no general debate on Europe. The only motions selected are about the common fisheries policy and BSE, on which there is room for the rhetoric to be more anti-Brussels.

It is common to see political parties rigging their conference agenda when disagreements threaten an image of unity. The Tories, in particular, are famous for it. But it is odder to see a party at one with itself taking a vow of silence. The reason may lie less with Lib Dem activists than with the party's supporters in the country. Ever since Jo Grimond first came out strongly for Europe some 40 years ago, the Liberal Party and its successors have suffered from a membership that is pro-European and voters who are ambivalent. But, as the whole country has turned more sceptical about the direction of the EU, this contrast has become starker. In our MORI poll in May, Liberal Democrat supporters were as Euro-sceptical

as Tories, despite the views of their preferred party. Asked whether they would vote for Britain to stay in the EU or pull out if there were a referendum, they were evenly split.

Looking at the distribution of support for the Lib Dems, the source of this scepticism becomes more apparent. The centre party's strongholds, in the South West of England and the Celtic fringe, are areas that have been hard-hit by EU policies on fish and beef. At the last party conference before the election, it may make tactical sense to try to counter the accusation that the centre party is unthinkingly pro-Brussels.

But it is a shame, also, to see political disputation stilled in this way. We would take issue with the Liberal Democrats' policy on Europe: all the more reason to want the argument to be put. Britain has enjoyed a higher level of public debate about the direction of Europe than any other member state, particularly over the merits of the Maastricht treaty and the single currency. One of the healthier aspects of this country's political life is that there is no longer just one opinion about the EU.

The centre party may have a hard job lifting its support from 13 per cent to nearer the 18 per cent that it won in 1992. But being mealy-mouthed is a poor way to get there. A party brave enough to say that taxes need to be higher ought to be brave enough to make its case for a federal Europe. Distinctiveness is the Lib Dems' only hope of not being crushed between Labour and the Tories.

PAUPERS IN CASTLES

New money for the arts should not squeeze out the old

The lesson of the National Lottery appears to be that sudden windfalls can disorientate as much as delight. That is as true among the arts organisations who hoped to benefit as it is for the jackpot winners who have kept their jobs for the sake of stability. Although the lottery has seen money irrigate the arts, it has flowed along narrow canals. Today the Arts Council will unveil a pilot scheme to spread lottery money more widely.

Because of the success of the lottery some £500 million has been distributed to arts organisations across the country. But that money has, so far, been limited to capital expenditure, to erecting new buildings, renovating old and furnishing them all. Alongside this wonderful prodigality there has been worrying parsimony. The Arts Council of England has seen its budget, which provides revenue for arts companies, cut by £5 million in this financial year. The present formula builds castles for paupers.

The proposal, then, to allow the Arts Council to use lottery money to "stabilise" the funding of arts bodies is a welcome breach in the rules. It establishes, albeit on a pilot basis, that the vast sums gathered by

from the Arts Council by the Treasury. It appears uncomfortably close to a straight substitution of lottery money for taxpayers'.

The lottery was designed to supplement, not replace government funding. The original restrictions on spending were established to ensure that the Government did not retreat from its obligations to the arts. Although it might seem tempting to remove the arts from the unseemly auction of the public expenditure round and see it supported by a steady stream of lottery money it would, ultimately, be a poor bargain. Lotteries abroad, even the most successful, have yielded gradually diminishing sums. Since the Arts Council was established it received an increase in government support ahead of the rate of inflation almost every year — until 1994.

Ideally, the success of the lottery should see a net, sustainable, increase in revenue funding for the arts, rather than a straight swap of lottery money for taxpayers'. Such an increase will, however, require sensitivity among the grant-awarding bodies. Labour is already looking with covetous eyes at the current distribution of lottery money. If

tour operators invest more than £12 million each year on inspections and, subsequently, improvement loans.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Considerations for a divorced Prince

From Professor Emeritus

Mervyn Lewis

Sir, So the reality of the royal divorce — Somersett House, August 28, 1996 — is, at long last, in front of us, with all its implications for the future of the monarchy. In 1936 Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin solved the political problem of the royal marital crisis by advising the King to abdicate. Edward VIII duly obliged, and as a consequence, the nation became blessed with a King and Queen of exemplary inspiration as it faced the darkest days of the Second World War.

The question of who succeeds our present Queen has surely become, in its own way, no less political. If the heir to the throne, on political advice, decided to step aside in favour of his son, the outlook could be improved. Instead of progressing backwards, into the next century, along a path strewn with constant and debilitating reminders of the wrecked royal marriage, both the monarchy and the nation could grasp the opportunities of the coming millennium, energised by the prospect of a young and potentially refreshing King, unencumbered by any such detritus.

Yours faithfully,
MERVYN LEWIS,
4 Druids Close,
Norton, Swansea, Glamorganshire.

August 29.

From Mr Derek Biddle

Sir, You claim (leading article, "The Prince's trust", August 31) that the way ahead from the marriage which has tarnished the House of Windsor lies safely in the hands of the Prince of Wales' "sensitivity". Sensitivity over the past 15 years might have prevented it being tarnished in the first place, and the fault that the Prince could have defended might have been that of his wife.

Modernising the monarchy, as advocated by the Prince's Way Ahead group, could lead to a change that would suit his personal circumstances and make possible matrimonial arrangements with another party. I am reminded of an earlier King who changed the faith he defended (and that of his nation) in order to satisfy his own "possessive individualism" in matters of matrimony.

The treatment of Diana, (the) Princess of Wales, and formerly "HRH", seems unnecessarily shabby. The public will be watching to see whether she is succeeded by another Princess and what title she is given. It is possible that your faith in the Prince's sensitivity could be misplaced, and the title might be worthless.

Yours sincerely,
DEREK BIDDLE,
9 Manor Road, Harrow, Middlesex.

August 31.

From Mrs Mary Humphrey

Sir, Your leading article is a timely reminder of the thoughtful lead the Prince of Wales has given on a number of matters touching the wellbeing of British people. Many of us will surely hope that these leadership qualities will continue throughout his life to be at the service of his country.

To this end, I can only hope that if Mrs Parker Bowles does not wish to put his future at risk she will make public a commitment that she will never marry him.

Yours faithfully,
MARY HUMPHREY,
14 Ambrose Place, Worthing, Sussex.

September 2.

Church authority

From Father Ronald Walls

Sir, As an ex-Presbyterian, now a Roman Catholic, I was disappointed and a bit nettled by Magnus Linklater's statement ("Will Prince Charles ever be 'bonnie?'", August 29) that the Church of Scotland "derives its authority from the congregation upwards". This is untrue.

The Church of Scotland is not congregational but presbyterian in government. Authority resides in the presbyters and elders, organised in a hierarchy of courts, in grave matters of doctrine and discipline decisions are made in the last resort after deliberation in the presbyteries throughout the land. Morions are accepted when approved by two thirds of the presbyteries. The Church acknowledges a "magisterium" (teaching authority).

Yours faithfully,
RONALD WALLS,
54 Aird Street, Portsoy, Banffshire.

August 29.

Safety on holiday

From the Chairman of the Federation of Tour Operators

Sir, I was pleased to read Harvey Elliott's very balanced comments concerning safety whilst on holiday ("It's safer than they think", Travel News, August 15). Although, statistically, going on holiday is 13 times less hazardous than going for a walk, holidays involve people choosing to do things they would not normally do at home: swimming, snorkelling, skiing, diving, dancing, driving on the right, even reading books.

Tour operators invest more than £12 million each year on inspections and, subsequently, improvement loans.

Ridding society of prejudice on age

From Mr Eric Reid

Sir, William Rees-Mogg's assertion ("Apartheid of ageism", August 29)

that "ageism should have no more acceptance in our society than any other species of apartheid" is to be applauded. While youth programming on television has become a major genre, older people remain consistently under-represented or, if shown, then often in an unflattering light.

The reality is that healthy, active, independent seniors now make up an increasing proportion (one in three) of the population, although a decreasing proportion of the workforce. This is one major reason why ARP/OSO (the Association of Retired and Persons Over 50) continues to press for anti-ageist legislation.

As BBC TV's recent *Coming of Age* series clearly demonstrated, many aspects of provoking older make for thought-provoking viewing by people of all ages: television programmers should use the opportunity presented

by the new television Channel 5 to broaden horizons, not shrink them.

Yours faithfully,

ERIC REID,
Chairman,
Association of Retired and Persons
Over 50 (ARP/OSO),
Greencroft House,
Francis Street, SW1.

August 30.

From Mr Martin Pearce

Sir, As Dawn Airey's other, though not better half, I can assure William Rees-Mogg that unless there is some sinister undertone of which I am unaware, the motto from her Edinburgh TV Festival Channel 5 address was certainly not "drop dead at 40", as he suggests.

Yours faithfully,
M. PEARCE (aged 40),
The Chapel,
Church Lane, Islip, Oxfordshire.

August 30.

Survival struggle of basking shark

From Ms Joan Walley, MP for Stoke on Trent North (Labour)

Sir, Your report (August 20) of £20,000 funding from Scottish Natural Heritage for the tagging of basking sharks off Arran in the Firth of Clyde is a timely reminder of just how fragmented Government policy on nature conservation has become.

In the Isle of Man a bank worker, Ken Watterson, has been struggling for the past 13 years, mostly in his spare time and on a shoestring budget, to measure the declining numbers of basking sharks in that area and to increase our scientific understanding of the species. His work cannot be fully recognised because the waters off the Isle of Man are not UK waters.

Meanwhile, the Scottish Office has apparently overruled, on commercial grounds, the previous recommendation of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee to include the basking shark on the Wildlife and Countryside Act's list of endangered species. The Environment Secretary has a stark choice either to bow still further to market forces, or to seize the opportunity provided by the current quinquennial review of the Act, and agree endangered-species status for basking sharks in September. It would then be a relatively simple step to review how the Isle of Man project can be adequately funded, in conjunction with the IoM Government and the EU.

Ken Watterson's expertise should be shared with initiatives further round our coastline, including this latest one in Scotland. If we are serious about environmental protection and the basking shark, we have to act so that neither the fragmentation of policy, market forces nor artificial boundaries act as barriers to biodiversity around the British Isles.

Yours sincerely,
JOAN WALLEY,
House of Commons.

August 23.

Weather pessimism

From Mr Tim Batstone

Sir, The Bank Holiday just gone gave us a classic example of weather forecasters at their most dangerously gloomy. The forecast for the country was in broad terms "starting cloudy, rain later everywhere". The actual weather, also in broad terms, was "sunny with the odd shower in the afternoon".

The result of the forecast was to reduce numbers heading to the coast and outdoor attractions generally, to spoil many people's chances of making the most of a really quite decent day's weather and in turn to deny thousands of businesses the chance to recover some of a poor season's trade. Presentation is all. For example "sunny with showers" sounds more promising than "rain with sunny intervals", but could be describing exactly the same weather. For all our sakes, could we entreat weather folk, particularly around Bank Holidays, to couch their message with as much optimism as their cautious professionalism will allow.

Yours sincerely,
TIM BATSTONE
(Managing Director),
H. B. Leisure Limited,
82 Mostyn Street,
Llandudno, Gwynedd.

August 30.

Cleopatra's Needle

From Mr Roger Johnson

Sir, Like Mr J. P. Rudland (letter, August 28) I too have visited Egypt recently, and have seen the few obelisks that remain (report and leading article, September 2). In addition to admiring their condition, I marvelled at their spectacular grandeur and the authenticity of their setting.

The only respectable solution to the concern expressed by Mr Rudland is to return Cleopatra's Needle to the Temple of Amun at Karnak in Luxor. The Embankment would not be the poorer but Karnak would be greatly enhanced.

Perhaps we could also encourage other countries which acquired other obelisks in the past to follow this example as a positive and worthwhile millennial statement.

Yours imaginatively,
ROGER JOHNSON,
37 Pedmore Lane,
Stourbridge, West Midlands.

September 2.

Indian English

From Sir Roger Falk

Sir, Your letters on Indian English (August 27, 31) remind me of a splendid



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 2: The Prince Edward today visited the Farnborough International Aerospace Exhibition 1996 and was received by Major General Simon Lydd (Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire).

The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Logistic Corps, today opened Marchwood Military Port, Marchwood, Hampshire.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 2: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, this morning visited Finsbury and viewed recent work of the Institute's Urban Task Force.

His Royal Highness afterwards visited Luftwaffe's new Berlin in a presentation of the results of an intensive planning exercise involving the local community.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 2: The Duke of Kent, Patron, this morning attended the launch of the Year of Engineering Success, Church House Conference Centre, Dean's Yard, London SW1.

Royal engagements

Prince Edward, as patron, will attend a Promenade Concert given by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra at the Albert Hall at 7.30pm. The Princess Royal, President, Royal Agricultural Society of England, will attend the council meeting at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, at 2.00. The Duke of Kent will attend Farnborough International Aerospace Exhibition, Farnborough, at 10.15.

Bedstone College
Bedstone College returned for the commencement of the Autumn term today with Donna Owen and Anthony Sharp as Heads of College. Mr Michael Newby takes up his appointment as Second Master following the retirement of Allan Parsons, former chairman of the Board of Governors. The new Head of the Music Department will be held in the Rees Hall. Term ends on Friday, December 13, following the Carol Service at St Laurence's Church, Ludlow.

Following the fire which has severely damaged Bedstone Court — two of the boys' boarding houses — Herefordshire architects Hook, Mason have been appointed to complete the restoration work.

Benenden School

Term starts today at Benenden School. Sixth Form Scholarship and Entry Examinations for September 1997 will take place on November 13 and 14. Open mornings for parents of prospective students will be held on September 14, October 12, November 16. The Founders' Lecture, The Screaming Room, a look at the social, ethical and moral issues raised by Aids, will be given by the Rev Canon Thaddeus Bircham on September 8.

Birkdale School
The school year begins today. There are 303 pupils in school. Thomas Mann is Head of School. Speech Day is on October 1, when the Guest of Honour will be the Archbishop of York. Performances of 'The Crucible' will be given in the Heyley Hall on December 4, 5 and 6 in the Senior School Carol Service on December 11, when the President will be Rev R.F. Key, Vicar of St Andrew's, Oxford. Open Days are on October 19 (Preparatory School) and November 9 (Senior School).

Brighton College
Michaelmas Term begins on September 3. Mr Anthony Whitstone retires as

Birthdays today

Mr Geoff Arnold, cricketer, 52; Air Marshal Sir Erik Bennett, 68; Miss Sarah Bradford (Viscountess Bangor), biographer, 58; Dr Clare Burstall, educationist, 65; Miss Pauline Collins, actress, 56; Mr Michael Connolly, MP, 49; Professor Raymond Cowell, Vice-Chancellor, The Nottingham Trent University, 59; Dr Francis Duffy, former president, Royal Institute of British Architects, 88; Miss Susan Milan, flautist, 49; Sir Michael Neuber, MP, 63; Mr John Orr, Chief Constable, Strathclyde, 51; Mr T.D. Park, chairman, William Baird, 66; Mrs Marion Rawlings, former president, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 72; Sir Mark Russell, diplomat, 67; Mr Charlie Sheen, actor, 31; Mr Gaston Thorn, former Prime Minister of Luxembourg, 68; Miss Raquel Welch, actress, 56.

Luncheon

Newspaper Society
Mr Robin Burgess, President of the Newspaper Society, was the guest at a luncheon held yesterday at Blenheim Palace, Home of the Marquess of Acland Turner, Director-General of the CBI.

The Red Mass

The Red Mass will be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral by the Right Revd Dr Michael Bickerton, Bishop of London, at 10.45am on Tuesday, October 1, 1996, the day of the Opening of the Legal Year.

Christ's Hospital

Miss Susan Mitchell has succeeded Mr James Forbes as Treasurer and Chairman of the Council of Almoners and Governors of Christ's Hospital. Mr Forbes, who has held office for the last 9 years, will continue as a member of the Council. Mrs Mitchell, a member of the Council since 1987, is the first lady to be elected as Treasurer.

Music
Headmaster of Chichester and Chichester and School Houses merge to become Chichester/School House. Abigail Sprangford (Fenwick) is Head of School and Mrs Elizabeth (Fenwick) is Head of School. An Open Evening for all girls interested in joining the Sixth Form in September 1997 will be held on Thursday, October 3. Open Day is on Saturday, October 19, when the Guest of Honour will be Sister Frances of the Helen House Hospice. The Sixth Form Entrance Examinations take place on Wednesday, November 6. The 6th Brightonian Association Dinner is on November 30 and the Carol Service is on December 8. Entrance awards for the new year have been made as follows:

Academe
13+ Cooke Scholarships to Nicholas Epstein at St Christopher's School, Horley and St Christopher's School, Horley. School Scholarships to Andrew Huxley-Granham and Rachel Gert (Brighton College Junior School); Confirmed Continuation Scholarships to Christopher Wright (Great Walstead School) and Christopher Wright (St Christopher's School, Horley) and Simon Bamber (The Priory School, Lewes). Exhibitions to Candace Bracknell and James Studd (Brighton College Junior School).

Art
13+ The William Blackshaw Scholarships to Brighton College Junior School. Exhibitions to Katherine Cox (Brighton College Junior School).

Design a Technologist
Exhibition to James Studd (Brighton College Junior School).

Music
13+ The William Stewart Music Scholarships to Brighton College Junior School, Scholarships to Marie Knowles, Josephine Wicks and Sophie Sturton (Brighton College Junior School); and Scholarships to Broadwater Manor School. Exhibitions to Katie Enright, Jamie Curry and Matthew Studd (Broadwater Manor School) and Siula Surharanilang (Ston School).

Clifton High School
Term starts today with Joanna Lawrence continuing as Head Girl and Elizabeth James and Natalie Whitehead as Deputy Head Girls. The Sixth Form Confirmed Continuation Scholarships to James Walker (Clifton High School) and Alan Alder (Broadwater Manor School).

Sixth Form Entry Scholarships to Vanessa Gudfellow (St Mary's), Halfpenny Madeline (St Mary's), Lucy (St Mary's), Julie Law (Lavant House, Rosemoor), Martine Morris (Davidson High School), Alexandra Birch (Downs School), Sophie Almquist (The Priory School), Lewis, Anna Sobey (Dorothy Stringer School) and Nigel Thomas (Cardinal Vaughan School).

Continuation Scholarships to Shantha Nayagam and Max Oppenheimer (St Mary's), Helen (St Christopher's School), Piers Chapman (Great Walstead School), Linda Lester (Broadwater Manor School) and Jonathan White (Mowden School).

Exhibition Philip Ford (St Christopher's School), Howard Samuel (Broadwater Manor School).

Music
The Autumn Term begins today with 523 boys in the school. The new sports hall, swimming pool and enlarged Memorial



Four in a set of five Royal Mail special stamps issued today to mark 50 years of children's television. They include (clockwise from top left): Muffin the Mule with co-star Annette Mills; Matthew Corbett and Sooty; Troy Tempest and the fiendish Titan from *Stingray*; and the Clangers. The fifth stamp is Dangermouse.

BIRTHS

Matthew Boulton, engineer, Birmingham, 1728; Joseph Wright, painter, Derby, 1734; John Francis sculptor, Lincolnshire, 1792; James Sylvester, mathematician, London, 1814; Louis Paul Sullivan, architect, Boston, Massachusetts, 1856; Jean-Jacques Soult, Socialist leader and orator, Caen, France, 1859; Urho Kekkonen, President of Finland, 1956-92; Plevases, Finland, 1900.

DEATHS
Sir Edward Coke, jurist, Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, 1634; Oliver Cromwell, Protector, 1658-99, London, 1658; George Lillo, dramatist, London, 1739; Sir John Rennie, civil engineer, Bengal, 1824; e.e. cummings, poet and painter, North Conway, New

Hampshire

MacNeice, poet, London, 1963; Ho Chi Minh, President of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam 1954-69, Hanoi, 1969. In England, in 1752, the Gregorian calendar replaced the Julian calendar, whereby this day became September 14. Britain recognised the independence of America by the Treaty of Versailles, 1783. Britain and France declared war on Germany, 1939. The Allied invasion of Italy began, 1943. The American *Viking II* spacecraft touched down on Mars, 1976.

Anniversaries

Thiers, 1st President of the Third Republic of France, 1871-73; Sir Germaine-en-Laye, 1877; Ivan Turgenev, writer, Bouguen, France, 1883; John Forrest, 1st Baron Forrest at sea en route for England, 1918; Henry Lawson, Australian poet, Sydney, 1922; Sir Arthur Stretton, Australian painter, Melbourne, 1943; Edward Benes, President of Czechoslovakia 1935-48, Sezimov Ust, 1948; e.e. cummings, poet and painter, North Conway, New

School news

Library will come into use during the term. The major school drama production will be *The Golden Massacre of Agamemnon* by John Wiles on November 27, 28 and 29 in the Boyd Campbell Hall. The School Carol Service will be on December 12 in St Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill and term will finish on December 13.

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OBITUARIES

BROTHER ADAM

Brother Adam, OBE, of Buckfast Abbey in Devon, beekeeper, died on September 1 aged 98. He was born Karl Adam Kehrl in Germany on August 3, 1898.

The world's most celebrated beekeeper, Brother Adam had a unique insight into the breeding of the honeybee. He made a fundamental contribution to the development of the bee as a pollinator and honey-gatherer, and was one of the first to understand the potential of what has become known as genetic engineering.

He did not particularly set out to create a "perfect" bee. Indeed, he always insisted that there was no such creature. But when he took over responsibility as the head of the beekeeping department of Buckfast Abbey in 1919, he saw the breeding of the honeybee as the only practical solution to what appeared to be an insoluble problem — the mass destruction of bees throughout the British Isles by acarine disease. Originally called "Isle of Wight disease", since it first appeared there, it was described in his book *Beekeeping at Buckfast Abbey*.

He realised that it was only those bees at his apiaries at Buckfast which had been crossed with a strain of bee from the Ligurian Alps in Northern Italy which had demonstrated a resistance to the disease, and he set out on a quest that was to last a lifetime in search of strains of bee which came up to his ideals and requirements. He realised that the task would have to be undertaken before hybridisation,

or the movement of hives from one area to another for commercial purposes would obliterate pure strains for ever.

Largely by car, but often on foot or by mule or donkey, he was to search Europe, Asia Minor and the Sahara Desert in order to bring back strains that had been largely *in situ* since the end of the last Ice Age.

Brother Adam applied the discoveries of the 19th-century geneticist Mendel to the breeding of the honeybee. But while Mendel had failed in his attempts to breed honeybees, Brother Adam, with the knowledge that queen bees mate on the wing, never in the hive, was able to take advantage of the abbey's proximity to Dartmoor, well away from the influence of other bees, to mate his queens in isolation.

His achievements in beekeeping became recognised throughout the world, particularly after the publication of his three books: *Beekeeping at Buckfast Abbey. In Search of the Best Strains of Bee and Breeding the Honeybee*.

Brother Adam was born Karl Kehrl in Mittenbiberach in what was then the Kingdom of Württemberg. He was always proud of his Swabian origins, and retained his German accent to the end of his life.

At the age of 12 he was asked by his mother if he would like to go to England to become a monk and help to build a monastery there. Arriving at Buckfast in March 1910 he found a number of his fellow Swabians already present in that then remote Devon village, including his cousin. Buckfast had been dissolved in 1539; at its



refoundation in 1882, it had recruited many Swabians.

This caused some problems during the First World War, but the call for more food production was answered by a prodigious effort which increased the apiary to 100 colonies. When acarine devastated the native population, Brother Adam's importations, crossed with the

British bee, showed a resistance to the disease.

After the Second World War, he continued to look for fresh "blood" from abroad, to ensure that the Buckfast bees continued to maintain a healthy strain. Between 1950 and 1981 he travelled widely through the Mediterranean littoral, seeking as many different

races and strains of bees as he possibly could.

His first honour came with his appointment as OBE in 1974. Then in 1988, at the age of 90, after an exhaustive ascent of the slopes of Kilimanjaro in search of the Monticola bee, which was filmed and had wide distribution through major television networks, he went

on to Sweden where he was awarded an honorary doctorate of science by the University of Uppsala. He was also later awarded a DSc by the University of Exeter. The film about his work, *The Monk and the Honeybee*, still has wide circulation, particularly in Europe.

Whilst beekeeping organisations all over the world clamoured to honour him, he was particularly proud of a medal which he was given by a small French village in Haute Savoie almost all the inhabitants of St Julien en Vercor turned out to honour him. In a very different kind of tribute, a Cretan honeybee was named *Apis mellifera adamii* in honour of him.

Recognition by the scientific world came late to him, possibly because he had not published his work in scientific journals. But at the age of 93 he had the satisfaction of seeing research along the lines he had first propounded done by three American universities, and published in 1991. In the 1990s the US Department of Agriculture imported Buckfast queen bees to resist the ravages of acarine disease which had caused millions of dollars' worth of damage to honey production in America.

Yet, in spite of gaining the respect of everybody who came in contact with him, Brother Adam was to have the galling experience of having his research terminated by the very abbey which he had helped to make famous through his work on bees in the first place.

In 1991 he was about to announce the development of a bee which was resistant to parasites, as well as the development of a "green bee" which would end the need for the

introduction of chemicals in European honey.

But early in 1992 the newly elected Abbot of Buckfast decided that the prime function of the abbey's aparies was to produce honey and not to undertake research. Brother Adam was told that he could not employ the assistant he so clearly, at his advanced age, required if he was to carry on his research, this in spite of the fact that his bees earned more than £20,000 a year for the abbey in reproduction rights.

The decision perplexed and enraged breeders throughout the world. One summed up the feelings of the international beekeeping community when he described the situation at Buckfast: "It's as though Einstein has been replaced at Princeton University by an administrator with no knowledge of physics." To Brother Adam the decision was not only the negation of his life's work but a betrayal of trust in the man who had worked for him on and off for 20 years without payment and whom he had designated as his successor, the Dutch scientist Michael van der Zee.

Brother Adam felt the situation particularly keenly as van der Zee had not long before carried his ageing mentor up Mount Kilimanjaro in a bamboo chair in search of a particularly hardy strain of bee. Disillusioned, he resolved to give up his bees.

In addition to his OBE from Britain, Brother Adam was awarded the *Verdienstkreuz* by Germany in 1975. He had been a member of the Buckfast community for 77 years.

IMAM MUHAMMAD AL-BADR



Imam Muhammad al-Badr al-Din died in exile in Kent on August 6 aged 67. He was born in 1929.

IMAM Muhammad al-Badr was the last theocratic leader of the Zaydi Imamate in the Arabian kingdom of Yemen. The spiritual and political leadership of his nation had run in his family for 28 generations.

Al-Badr became Crown Prince during the reign of his father and succeeded to his throne in 1962. But he was ousted from his position after just a week, in an Eyan-backed republican coup. He spent the next eight years struggling unsuccessfully to regain power.

Muhammad al-Badr al-Din was born in Hajjah, the son of the implacable Imam Ahmed Hamid al-Din. His father, mistrusting foreign influences, brought up his son to know little of the

world outside his kingdom. Al-Badr was educated according to a classical Arabic curriculum, schooled in the doctrines of the Zaydi, the branch of the Shia sect of Islam to which he belonged.

loyal to the Zaydi imams. Mustering a small army of tribesmen, he quelled the uprising. Its leaders were executed, their heads nailed in a grisly display above the palace door.

Imam Ahmed knew that foreign involvement in his country was a threat to his autocratic regime. He skirmished continually with his British neighbours in Aden and fiercely resisted any British moves to unite small Arab states into a broad federation. But his son, appointed Secretary of Defence and then Foreign Secretary, began to court foreign governments. He established contacts with Eastern bloc countries which sent arms to the Yemenis. The Chinese helped to build a mountain road, while the Egyptians, in what was to prove a fatal move for the Imamate, were consulted on the modernisation of the army.

In 1959 Imam Ahmed had to make an urgent visit to Rome for medical treatment. Al-Badr, appointed Regent in his father's absence, intensified his programme for developing the country. It aroused great discontent among the royalist elite, and al-Badr found himself without the necessary authority to suppress revolts. Only when his father returned were the uprisings brutally put down.

Over the next few years, as the Imam's health continued to deteriorate, subversive influences made themselves increasingly felt. He died on September 19, 1962, and al-Badr succeeded to the throne. Some of the liberals who had earlier supported him now doubted his commitment to reform, while some of the more conservative religious scholars had reservations about his earlier sympathy with the Egyptians.

In an apparent attempt to appease those scholars, he announced in a radio speech that he would not alter his father's policies. It was this which was taken as a pretext for the military coup which was launched against him on September 26, supported by President Nasser's troops. The Iraqi-trained head of the Royal Guard, Abdullah al-Sallal, became the first President of the new republic.

The rebels announced that al-Badr was dead, crushed by falling rubble, but in reality he had escaped from the palace in women's clothes and, rallying Zaydi tribesmen to his cause, he fled to live rough in the mountainous north.

His cause was supported by King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, who was alarmed at the establishment of an Egyptian-influenced republic on his country's southern borders.

For the next seven years Yemen was caught up in a bloody civil war which had drastic effects on the largely agricultural economy. Finally, after a treaty between Egypt and Saudi Arabia was signed, hostilities ended in 1969. The republican forces were victorious. Al-Badr fled in exile to Britain where he lived quietly until the end of his life.

Al-Badr married three times. Two of these marriages ended in divorce. He is survived by his wife and by two sons and two daughters.

BRIGADIER SHELFORD BIDWELL

Brigadier Shelford ("Ginger") Bidwell, OBE, military historian, died on August 23 aged 83. He was born on August 12, 1913.

AT THE end of an army career spanning four decades, "Ginger" Bidwell embarked on a new life as a writer. The transition was so successful that it is as an author rather than for his distinguished military career that most people will now remember him.

He completed six books on his own, collaborated with an academic colleague on three more and edited several others — including *World War 3* (1978). An absorbing scenario for what might have happened had the Soviet Union invaded West Germany, the book might well have become a bestseller had it not been for the fact that it was beaten into print by a few months by a similar volume, *The Third World War*, the work of General Sir John Hacken and others. Although *World War 3* did well, the Hacken book became a runaway bestseller, with its postulation of a Nato victory without a general nuclear exchange.

At the start of 1971, two years after retiring from the Royal Artillery, Bidwell joined the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) in Whitehall as deputy director and editor-in-chief of its publications. He revamped the *RUSI Journal* with coloured cover illustrations, increased its revenue from advertising and introduced new features — not least his own provocative editorials.

He also strove to raise the intellectual level of debate and encouraged more informal luncheon meetings, in order to attract a younger membership.

Bidwell left the RUSI after five years to concentrate on his own military studies. He remained, however, a member of its council and was made one of its four vice-presidents — an honour which highly pleased him. He also continued to contribute to the *Journal*.

Reginald George Shelford Bidwell was born in London — aptly enough in Artillery Mansions — the son of a lieutenant-colonel in the Indian Army. The family had its

roots in Devon and Norfolk, from where his forebears had fought for the Empire on both land and sea.

As a young child, Bidwell spent several years in India where his father was serving overseas with his regiment, the 10th Grenadiers, in the First World War. But at the age of six, he returned with his family to Britain when his father was invalided out of the Army.

The Bidwell family settled in Cornwall from where Shelford went to Wellington School. He won a place at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, passing out near

the top of his class in 1933. He spent his first few years as a subaltern in India, returning to Britain at the start of the Second World War. He was a battery commander with 74 Medium Regiment (Surrey and Sussex Yeomanry) in North Africa where he was mentioned in dispatches. He also took part in the Salerno landings and spent the rest of the war fighting in Italy. At the end of the war he was posted successively to the 1st and 5th Regiments of the Royal Horse Artillery (RHA), and also served as second-in-command of the 2nd RHA in West Germany, 1950-52.

Bidwell next went to the Gold Coast to join the staff of the West Africa Command, helping to plan the defence structure for the future independent state of Ghana. He then commanded 58 Medium Regiment in the British Army of the Rhine at Lippstadt between 1953 and 1956. He was appointed OBE in recognition of his work with the regiment. Between 1956 and 1958 he

was chief instructor on tactics

at the Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill, before leaving for Malaya in 1961, initially to close down a military sub-district in the north of the country. Posted as Brigadier Royal Artillery (BRA) at the Far East Land Forces HQ in Singapore, he went on to command the artillery during the confrontation with Indonesia in Borneo. Then came his final tour, at the Army's South West district headquarters at Taunton — and the start of his second career.

"Ginger" Bidwell was a highly capable professional gunner. But some of his contemporaries always felt that his true calling lay in academia. His intellectual curiosity and meticulous research made all his military studies of lasting value. These included: *Cannons at War*, published in 1970; *Modern Warfare* (1973); *Swords for Hire* (1971); *The Chindit War* (1979); and histories of the RHA and the Women's Royal Army Corps. He also collaborated with Professor Dominic Graham in writing *Firepower* (1982); *Tug of War: The Battle for Italy 1943-45* (1980); and *Coalitions, Politicians and Generals* (1993).

No one gave him greater pleasure, however, than the sight of *Artillery of the World*, a coffee-table book which he had edited, on sale near the lingerie at Marks & Spencer. He thought he had found a new market in women's studies.

Bidwell had a short fuse, which could be easily lit by the unwary. "So when you could shoot snipe off him," was a favourite expression — delivered with a snort from beneath beetling brows. But he also had a twinkle in his eye and abundant charm which made him more friends than enemies. He was one of the best-known characters in the world which he inhabited, and he was unfailingly kind and courteous to young people.

His wife Peggy, whom he married in 1939, belonged to a French-speaking family from Jersey, and was the daughter of Frank Le Couteur, editor of *The Bystander* before it was merged with *The Tatler*. Her fluent French was a great asset to him at times. She died two years ago, however, and he is survived by two daughters.

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Fishermen save their livelihoods with sea-to-shop co-operative

A Kent town's fishing industry is charting a new course, reports Mark Andrews

Eddie Otley, aged 60, ex-Royal Navy, ex-Channel ferries, has fished out of the Kent town of Folkestone since he was 14. He has been witness to a declining industry that can now muster a fleet of 14 boats. It had become little more than subsistence fishing. The watershed came five years ago, when Folkestone's fish market lost its only wholesale outlet. The fishermen were left with no one to market their fish. It could have been the end. However, Mr Otley decided that the only way forward was to organise their own outlet. Six months of planning and a lot of help from Kent County Council's Co-operative Development Agency saw Mr Otley establish the Folkestone Fishermen's Co-operative.

"Suddenly," he says, "we were on our own — our own governor. Six boats originally came in with us — now there are four. We borrowed money and hired premises on the harbour's edge. We got refrigeration equipment and a big chiller, capable of holding 3,000 stone of fish. We can also make a ton of ice every 24 hours. We've now paid for that."

"What we've done is get rid of the middleman. We shifted some fish in those early days. I can tell you, before the quotas. Catches were good. The boats were happy because they were getting a good price for their fish. The money we were getting was all ours — no one in the middle creaming it off."

"We sell to Billingsgate, Grimsby and Brixham. That may sound a bit daft — sending fish to Grimsby and Brixham, but if that's where



Eddie Otley, right, at the shop run by Folkestone Fishermen's Co-operative, which was set up with county council guidance and is now exporting fish

the best price is, that's where we go."

"I can negotiate a better price because there's no middleman. My main aim is to get the best price I can. It means a lot of phone calls. We even send stuff to Belgium and Holland, and I've got a contact in the fish market in Boulogne. We've got a motto, 'Box the bass for Boulogne'."

Mr Otley is constantly updating the venture. He wears a blue boiler suit and has hands that have done many a hard day's work. "I do the books, and the VAT," he says. "The boats worry about the quotas. Our agreement is that they are

firemen, retired because of injury, the other a fishmonger hit by the recession."

Both recruits admit that the co-operative has given them a new lease of life and kept them off the dole queue.

Mr Otley says: "It's not an easy life. You can't afford to let up. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, you've got to do it."

Eddie Otley is the managing director. He wears a blue boiler suit and has hands that have done many a hard day's work. "I do the books, and the VAT," he says. "The boats worry about the quotas. Our agreement is that they are

independent, but sell only to the co-operative."

Hythe Bay has given Folkestone fishermen a living for centuries, but, over the years, has been overfished. There is no sole and no plaice, but there is cod, and there is sea bass — one boat in the co-operative landed 300 stone in a day.

"I wouldn't say it's a good living," says Mr Otley. "I had a son I don't think I'd want him to fish. I honestly think we are an embarrassment to the Government. They don't stick up for us when they go to Brussels. They don't fight for the fishermen of Great Britain. If we

hadn't set up the co-operative, I think we would all have packed it in and ended up on the dole. We nearly went under through a £15,000 bad debt."

"The retail outlet has been a great success. We're now thinking of a second one. Customers come from all over the Home Counties — just to buy our fish. We're giving them a price. Our smoked haddock is £2 a lb. Supermarkets round here charge £3.45. It has a good turnover — no, I'm not telling you how much, because that's a trade secret — but 40 tons a year would get close."

"I've surprised myself at how successful it's been. I didn't think I could do it. It was a challenge."

Ironically, expansion of the

Six ways to end curse of late payment

By RODNEY HOBSON

ADVICE on how to cope with endless excuses for late payment of bills has been drawn up by Barclays Commercial Services, part of the banking group. The ability to differentiate between a genuine reason and a delaying tactic is a skill firms learn through experience, BCS says. These are the six commonest excuses — and how to get round them:

1) They are all in a meeting.

Meetings can range from an all-day conference to a vital business trip abroad.

The solution: Find out if there is an alternative person to talk to. If not, state the time and date when you will ring back and ask for the person concerned to be informed. Keep a diary note and make sure you stick to the arrangement.

2) There is a query on your invoice.

There is usually no one available to explain the query.

The solution: Ask why the query had not been raised earlier. You also need to determine precisely what the query is. If there is a question against the goods or service supplied, talk to your sales or production manager to ensure that when you call again you are armed with information. If there is a genuine dispute, ask for part-payment covering items not in dispute.

3) We have lost your invoice.

The solution: Immediately fax a copy and offer to call back in five minutes to discuss when you can expect payment.

Crime 'hitting investment'

CRIME is scuppering development plans for small businesses. Lloyds Bank says. Growing losses now cost the sector more than £1 billion a year. Lloyds says after surveying 1,800 small firms (Rodney Hobson writes).



Spence: devastating

Businesses have said that they are having to pay out money they would have used for business expansion, staff recruitment or new equipment.

A business needs investment to survive, and it is very worrying that this money is being diverted to pay for crime.

A free copy of a briefing on the cost of crime has been drawn up with police help. It is available from bank branches to help businesses to become more aware of the problems and to offer practical advice on minimising risks.

Smaller firms' optimism rises

By BRIAN COLLETT

OPTIMISM has grown in small and medium-sized businesses throughout Britain this summer in line with an improving economy, says the quarterly report from Lombard Business Finance.

The rise in confidence is most noticeable in the Midlands and East Anglia.

The main reason for the improved mood is a general increase in trade, says the company, whose researchers interviewed 450 financial decision-makers in businesses with turnover between £100,000 and about £10 million.

Of the interviewees, 53 per cent expected turnover to rise and 47 per cent expected higher profits, while an impressive 70 per cent intended to invest in new cars and equipment — mainly information technology and telecom systems.

The most marked recovery was found in the manufactur-

ing and printing industries, particularly in Wales and southwest England. The construction industry, too, was found finally to be reviving.

However, confidence has dipped in the transport, distribution and service industries.

The internet, the newest aid to business, is gaining acceptance, particularly in London and the South East. However, more than half the companies interviewed remained resistant.

Fewer businesses now relish the prospect of a general election. Many told the last quarterly review that they welcomed an election because it held promises of vote-chasing concessions from the Government, but now 20 per cent give it as a reason for pessimism.

Paul Gee, Lombard's marketing director, said the surveys had so far only gathered raw figures, but later research would analyse trends.

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THE number of business start-ups fell by 1 per cent in the first half of 1996, according to figures from Barclays Bank (Rodney Hobson writes). The findings confirm two other surveys this month that indicate a return of entrepreneurs to paid employment as jobs become available after the recession.

The number of start-ups was stable in the second quarter at 110,000, but the

Businesses with fewer than 100 employees will not receive information packs from the Inland Revenue to help them and their employees with self-assessment of tax. Grant Thornton, business advisers, has called on the Inland Revenue to reverse its "discrimination against small businesses". Ian Johnson, a tax expert with Grant Thornton, says: "I do not understand why smaller firms are being excluded. The type of business most likely to need detailed help will be owner-managed businesses where the burden of supplying employees with the information they will need with self-assessment can fall on only one or two individuals. Employers have obligations to their staff to give them the right details."

Enterprising Women, a networking group for London businesswomen, is being

figure was easily offset by the 136,000 closures in the same period. However, Barclays says that the 3.82 million businesses in existence in the UK is still just ahead of the total 12 months ago.

Those who close their businesses are doing so out of choice, the bank says. Receivables were down 18 per cent and insolvencies down by 5 per cent in the first six months of this year. David

Lavarack, small business director, believes this is because of the growing trend for start-ups to use their own capital — fewer than a third of new businesses now borrow money from outside sources.

The strongest region for start-ups this year has been the South West, up 9 per cent on last year. But in Yorkshire, the East Midlands and the North West they are 10 per cent down on a year ago.

BRIEFINGS

launched by Westminster Enterprise Agency, with financial backing from Barclays Bank. Membership and details of the launch breakfast on September 12 from Jane Parry on 0171-441-4958.



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□ A handbook on teleworking has been produced by Lloyds Bank and the Telework, Telecottage and Telecentre Association. It gives advice on businesses run from home, company teleworking and telecottages, the technology-equipped centres from which small businesses and home-workers can operate. The handbook costs £13.95. Details: 0800 616008.

□ Enterprise agencies have been weakened and have lost funding through the introduction of the single regeneration budget system, under which they have to bid for grants in partnership with other bodies. The National Federation of Enterprise Agencies told the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee that the federation's agreement that Business Links should refer start-ups and micro businesses to the agencies — it had complained that Business Links were duplicating the agencies' work in this area.

□ Tolson Messenger, the insurance broker, of Hammersmith, west London, has started a club for holders of its home business policies. Members of the Home Business Club will receive fact sheets, a quarterly newsletter, independent financial advice and discounts on other insurance. Details: 0800 374246.

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Caps United go to head of table in international week



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How appropriate that World Cup football took precedence over league football in England and Scotland that Caps United should take over the leadership of Interactive Team Football (ITF). And that Andy Hinchcliffe, the Everton full back who received his first international call-up, should feature in the selection of Mr J Brown, of Southampton, who is setting the early pace with 108 points.

The second £250 weekly prize of the season goes to Tony Cooper, of Milton Keynes, whose Planet Zog capitalised on the Leeds United-Wimbledon fixture last Monday. Mr Cooper, a Tottenham supporter, picked up useful points through Nigel Martyn keeping the Wimbledon attack at bay.

Mr Cooper's team is:

Goalkeeper
N Martyn (Leeds)Full backs
S J Bjorneby (Liverpool)
D Robertson (Rangers)Central defenders
D Wetherall (Leeds)
R Gough (Rangers)Midfield players
G McSwegan (Dundee Utd)
K McAllister (Hibernian)
R Earle (Wimbledon)
M Gayle (Wimbledon)Strikers
P Van Hooijdonk (Celtic)
D Hirst (Sheffield Weds)Manager
T Burns (Celtic)

It is early days, but if your



Paul Gascoigne made Glenn Hoddle's first England XI. Is the Rangers midfielder a selection of yours in ITF?



ITF transfer system which allows you to change up to two players each week and to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership or Bell's Scottish League premier division.

You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the 0891 866 968 line during the times given. From outside the UK, you must call 0044 990 200 668.

When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the prizes — the overall £50,000, monthly £1,000 or weekly £250.

All Interactive Team Football transfer queries should be directed to 0171-757 7016. All other inquiries can be made on 01532 488 122.

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN ITF

All 1995-6 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tannadice Scottish Cup from August 17 count for points. Penalty shootouts do not count but results decided in this way will count for managers.

POINTS SCORED	
Goalkeeper	Striker
Keeps clean sheet*	Score goal
Score goal	2pts
Saves penalty	1pt
Full backs/Central defender	All players
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt
Score goal	6pts
Midfield player	Appearance
Keeps clean sheet*	Manager
Score goal	Team wins
Score goal	Team draws

POINTS DEDUCTED	
Goalkeeper	Booked
Concedes goal	1pt
Full backs/Central defender	Concedes penalty
Concedes goal	1pt
All players	Minutes penalty
Sent off	Score own goal
	Manager
	Team losses

* must have played for 75 minutes in the match
** must have played for 45 minutes in the match



THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS

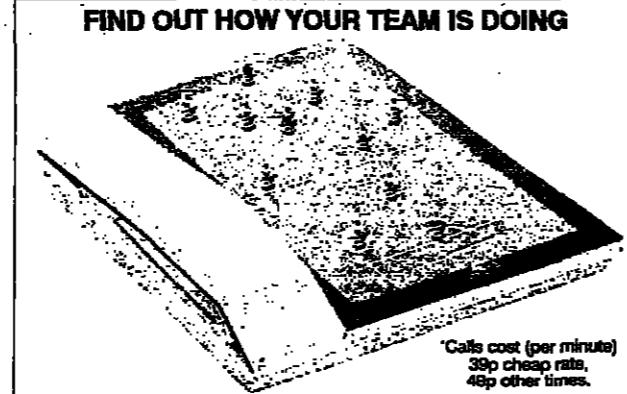
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LEADING 250 SELECTORS IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL GAME

Pos	Team (player's name)	Pts
1	Caps United (Mr J Brown)	108
2	Sky "med" III (Mr J McCullough)	102
3	Arrogant FC (Mr F K Taylor)	102
4	Evans Above FC (Mr G Frank)	98
5	Ginger (Mr T P Leah)	97
6	Ant's Alstars (A Bang)	96
7	Essen Eagles '96 FC (Mr C Jennings)	95
8	Matt's Dream 11 (Mr M Barnett)	92
9	A F C Domesticos (Mr G Singh Mangat)	91
10	Daggers (V Cos)	88
11	...	88
12	Hutton Hotspur (Mr P Sheridan)	88
13	Natashas Team (N Macfarlane)	88
14	Rocky 1 (Mr K S De Silva)	88
15	Pitch United (Tusitala)	88
16	Shack Attack (Mr R Shackleton)	88
17	N G United (N Geary)	88
18	Netherland Nats L (N Preston)	87
19	Nobby 34 (J Brown)	87
20	Thomas (H Thomas)	87
21	M & M Reds (Mr M Mathur)	87
22	Krinn XI FC (Mr K Mbeyela)	87
23	United in Food (Osvaldo Attoni)	87
24	Newell 20 (J Brown)	87
25	Dream Team 4 (Da 916/M M Adeyemi)	86
26	Better Than United (Mr E Redgate)	86
27	On the Up Two (Mr J Corfield)	86
28	Premieries All Star (Mr E Reday)	86
29	No Sock Playans (Mr D Wilson)	86
30	Matthews XI (Mr M Caunt)	86
31	Timbuc 2 (Mr O Leyland)	86
32	Andy's Alstars (Mr A Darr)	86
33	N S T Monkstone (Mr J Staszekowicz)	86
34	Kellys Heroes (R McIverne)	86
35	Coblinos Ut (Jamie Chaplin)	86
36	Gr Select 11 (G Roderige)	86
37	Corinthians Res FC (Mr M Lunn)	86
38	White Feathers (Mr M Cachipole)	86
39	(D Whalley)	86
40	Reservoir Dogs (Mr P Phelan)	86
41	West Wonders (S West)	86
42	Russells Rangers (P Mr Diveney)	86
43	Brill XI (Mr R Miller)	86
44	It's A Funny Old Game (Mr A Wilkes)	86
45	Bad Time Boys (R Crook)	86
46	Yogga's Boys (Mr J Jacobs)	86
47	Smitty Rovers (Mr P Smith)	86
48	Incompiacis (Mr L A Tomlinson)	86
49	Asprey First XI (Mr D Pearce)	86
50	Galencarco FC (Mr G L Douglas)	86
51	Lor Pev's Ponces (Ms L Pedderick)	86
52	Selly Luca (Mr J Jones)	86
53	Wanda (M Milan)	86
54	Smokey Select (R Taylor)	86
55	The Trawler (Mr G Bonner)	86
56	...	86
57	Clueless County (Mr D Mcintyre)	86
58	Sporing Spastics (Mr P C Manning)	86
59	Danno's Dudes (Mr D McCarthy)	86
60	Wood's Wonders (E Wood)	86
61	Flying Foreigners (Mr D Thomas)	86
62	Tonkis Trojans (J Hinchcliffe)	86
63	Towndale Stars (L Evans)	86
64	...	86
65	Portia FC (Mr S Schools)	86
66	Peacock United (Mr J Wood)	86
67	The Foreign Legion (Mr S Allen)	86
68	Raging Hormones (Mr A McBride)	86
69	Hup Hamingay (Mr A Land)	86

FIND OUT HOW YOUR TEAM IS DOING



Call the ITF checklist on
0891 884 643

Check your points total and your ranking. You need a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) and your ten-digit selector's PIN. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.

Calls cost (per minute)
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Inta Goal (G Lippett)	82
Erdies Wonderboys (Mr Unsworth)	82
A C Fantasy FC (Mr M Skipper)	82
Marks Magicians II (Mr M Kingston)	82
Deans Lovely Beans (Mr J Brack)	82
Allstars (Mr M Davidson)	82
Mackay's Boys Uttd (Mr J Mackay)	82
(C Haines)	82
By By Two Pound (Mr A Wray)	82
Gooners City (Mr C Gallagher)	82
Look Out Andy Gray (R Dawson)	82
Ruud Boys (Cm Wickson)	82
35 Wasted 2 (C Ganes)	82
Cucumber United (Mr N Champ)	82
Four Ever Blue (S Nonn)	82
Adecurio Villa (Mr Jukes)	82
A C Ligament (Mr S Madge)	82
Tom E Terminators (TE Unsworth)	82
Rude Awakening (Mr R Crampson)	82
The Red Richmonds (J Louder)	82
Allrightly Then F C (Mr N Gartshore)	82
Newcomers United (Mr A Sammut)	82
Who Needs Sheares (Mr A Woodness)	82
Expensive United (Mr C Haynes)	82
Keep Clean Chimney (Mr M Swallow)	82
Caroline B (A Luckhurst)	82
Locky's All Stars (Mr J Lock)	82
Gullin Big Boys (Mr T Hunt)	82
Top Few Blasters In Use (Mr S Addley)	82
Page Ramblers (Mr P Regan)	82
Robbo's Year Team (M Neal)	82
Red's Rovers (N Rezzie)	82
Royle's Barry Army (Mr GLL Davies)	82
Barry's Team (Mr B Matthews)	82
A2 (K Farnall)	82
Nobby 5 (J Brown)	82
Worth Every Penny! (Mr N Elliott)	82
Plan B FC (Mr H Ayres)	82
King Canibals (Mr A Oldbury)	82
Alcholia Rovers (A Mellers)	82
The True Champs (Mr J Evans)	82

=105 Avon Cosmos (A Keene)

=105 World in Motion (Mr P Copeland)

=105 Smathers Stars (Mr M Smith)

=105 (—)

=105 Glory Hunters (M J Woods)

=105 Vino 97 (Mr P Durham)

=105 Matthew's Men (Mr M Gunn)

=105 (—)

=105 Athletico Mackie (Mr A McElroy)

=105 (—)

=105 Hooligans Pick (Mr P Hood)

=105 La Triumph (Mr P Smalley)

=105 Pallos Alstars (Mr D Paterson)

=105 Studs Up (S Taylor)

=105 United Reserves (A Robson)

=105 Top Team (S Bateman)

=105 Aston Villa (Mr W Dunstone)

=105 Knebworth XI (Mr J Walkins)

=105 Rodents Rovers (Ms M Daniels)

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The ITF players, their points and their values if you are considering the transfer option

GOALKEEPERS

Code	Name	Team	Em	Pts	Wk	Ov
10101	M Watt	Aberdeen	1.50	+0	-3	
10102	N Walker	Aberdeen	1.00	+0	+0	
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	+0	+7	
10202	V Bartman	Arsenal	0.75	+0	+0	
10203	J Lukic	Arsenal	0.75	+0	+0	
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.50	+0	+0	
10302	M Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00	+0	+7	
10401	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	+0	-7	
10402	S Given	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	+0	+0	
10501	G Marshall	Celtic	3.50	+0	-2	
10601	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	+0	+15	
10602	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.00	+0	+0	
10701	S Dziricovic	Coventry City	1.50	+0	-10	
10702	J Filan	Coventry City	0.50	+0	+0	
10801	M Taylor	Derby County	1.00	+0	+0	
10802	R Hoult	Dundee United	1.00	+0	-6	
10901	A Maxwell	Dundee United	0.50	+0	-1	
10902	L Key	Dundee United	0.50	+0	+0	
11001	I Westwater	Dunfermline	0.50	+0	-4	
11101	N Southall	Everton	2.50	+0	+7	
11102	J Keaton	Everton	0.50	+0	+0	
11103	P Gerrard	Everton	2.50	+0	+0	
11201	G Houssier	Hibernian	2.00	+0	-11	
11301	J Leighton	Leeds United	1.50	+0	+10	
11401	D Lejkovic	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
11501	M Beeney	Leeds United	1.50	+0	+0	
11502	P Evans	Leeds United	0.25	+0	+0	
11503	N Martyn	Leeds United	2.50	+0	-3	
11601	Z Poole	Leicester City	1.00	+0	+0	
11602	Z Kalac	Leicester City	0.50	+0	+0	
11603	K Keller	Leicester City	1.00	+0	+4	
11701	D James	Liverpool	5.00	+0	+5	
11702	T Warner	Liverpool	0.50	+0	+0	
11801	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	+0	-2	
11802	R Van Der Gouw	Manchester United	1.00	+0	+0	
11901	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	1.50	+0	+0	
12001	A Miller	Middlesbrough	1.50	+0	-9	
12002	S Howis	Motherwell	1.50	+0	+3	
12003	H Stipicak	Newcastle United	4.00	+0	-3	
12004	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	+0	-3	
12202	A Fette	Nottingham Forest	0.75	+0	+0	
12203	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	0.75	+0	+0	
12301	S Thomson	Reith Rovers	0.50	+0	-12	
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	+0	+2	
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	+0	-3	
12601	D Beasant	Southampton	1.00	+0	-3	
12602	L Moss	Southampton	0.25	+0	+0	
12702	L Perez	Sunderland	0.50	+0	+0	
12801	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	+0	-5	
12801	L Miklosko	West Ham United	2.00	+0	-5	
12902	S Mautone	West Ham United	0.50	+0	+0	
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00	+0	-9	
13002	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.00	+0	+0	



Lee Sharpe celebrates his first goal for Leeds since moving from Manchester United—but has he brought you joy?

Code	Name	Team	Em	Pts	Wk	Ov
30101	B Irvine	Aberdeen	2.00	+4	+3	
30102	C Woodthorpe	Aberdeen	1.50	+0	-1	
30201	T Adams	Arsenal	4.00	+0	+0	
30202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	+0	+6	
30203	M Keown	Arsenal	3.00	+0	+7	
30204	A Hartigan	Arsenal	1.00	+0	+5	
30205	S Marshall	Arsenal	1.00	+0	+0	
30206	G Atkinson	Aston Villa	3.50	+0	+10	
30207	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	3.00	+0	+0	
30208	P McGrath	Aston Villa	2.50	+0	+0	
30209	C Tiller	Aston Villa	1.00	+0	+0	
30210	R Scirema	Aston Villa	1.00	+0	+0	
30211	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	+0	-2	
30212	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+0	+0	
30213	C Coleman	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+0	-3	
30214	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	+0	+0	
30215	T Boyd	Celtic	3.00	+0	+0	
30216	M MacKay	Celtic	1.50	+0	+0	
30217	M Duberry	Chelsea	2.50	+0	+0	
30218	A Stubbs	Chelsea	2.50	+0	+14	
30219	F Leboeuf	Chelsea	2.00	+0	+0	
30220	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	+0	+0	
30221	D Lee	Chelsea	2.00	+0	+0	
30222	A Myers	Chelsea	1.50	+0	+5	
30223	E Johnson	Chelsea	1.50	+0	+11	
30224	K Bjelajcic	Derby County	0.50	+0	+0	
30225	D Wassel	Derby County	1.00	+0	+0	
30226	M Cason	Derby County	0.50	+0	+5	
30227	D Bussell	Derby County	1.00	+0	+0	
30228	I Stilman	Derby County	2.50	+0	+2	
30229	D Watsall	Derby County	1.00	+0	+0	
30230	P McPherson	Derby County	1.00	+0	-2	
30231	R Shaw	Derby County	1.50	+0	-1	
30232	D Bussell	Derby County	1.00	+0	+0	
30233	M Miller	Dundee United	0.75	+0	+2	
30234	I Den Blamen	Dundee United	0.75	+0	+3	
30235	D Unsworth	Dundee United	2.50	+0	-2	
30236	D Watson	Everton	2.50	+0	+1	
30237	C Short	Everton	2.00	+0	+3	
30238	D McPherson	Hearts	1.00	+0	-3	
30239	P Ritchie	Hearts	1.00	+0	+2	
30240	J McLaughlin	Hibernian	0.50	+0	+0	
30241	G Hunter	Hibernian	0.50	+0	+5	
30242	R McReilly	Kilmarnock	1.00	+0	-1	
30243	R Mongomery	Kilmarnock	0.75	+0	+6	
30244	D Wetherall	Leeds United	2.50	+0	+3	
30245	R Jobson	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+1	
30246	L Pemberton	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
30247	D McPherson	Leeds United	0.50	+0	+0	
30248	S Pressley	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
30249	D McPherson	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
30250	S Prentiss	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
30251	D McPherson	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
30252	R Shaw	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
30253	D Bussell	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
30254	M Miller	Leeds United	0.75	+0	+2	
30255	I Trelawny	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
30256	D McPherson	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
30257	S Prentiss	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
30258	D McPherson	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
30259	R Keown	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
30260	D McPherson	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
30261	R Keown	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
30262	D McPherson	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
30263	R Keown	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
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30269	R Keown	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
30270	D McPherson	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
30271	R Keown	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	
30272	D McPherson	Leeds United	1.00	+0	+0	

NEWS

Clinton flies in to handle Iraq crisis

■ President Clinton last night cut short his holiday in his home state and returned to the White House amid reports that he was ready to hit back at President Saddam Hussein sooner rather than later in retaliation for his raid into the Kurdish safe haven in northern Iraq.

Diplomats said they had no precise word on the timing or nature of a military strike, but there was a widespread belief that it would be within the next day or two. **Pages 1, II**

Portillo scraps plan to cut service ranks

■ Michael Portillo has been forced to abandon radical proposals that would have cut the number of ranks in the Armed Forces, introduced performance related pay and axed the system of allowances. He has shelved the report setting out plans for services in the next century. **Page 1**

Norma to campaign

Norma Major is to hit the campaign trail with her husband for the next two weeks, the first time she has accompanied him for such a lengthy tour. **Page 1**

Taken by Stealth

Spectators at the Farnborough Air Show were given a glimpse of America's B-2 Stealth. The top secret aircraft made two passes over the airfield before flying back to America on a non-stop 21-hour round trip. **Page 1**

Student attacked

A student who showed "chivalry and concern" to a girl he found crying in a street is fighting for his life after being hit over the head by a thug who taunted him about being a hero. **Page 1**

Police numbers fall

The number of police officers has fallen by more than 800 during the past four years in spite of government promises that they would rise. **Page 2**

Boy identified

The parents of Tom and Jodi Loughlin were preparing to return home after learning that their son had also died from drowning. **Page 3**

Jail stalker

The first stalker jailed for inflicting psychological grievous bodily harm on his victim is still trying to harass her from his prison cell. **Page 5**

Spanish say early man liked to cook

■ Neanderthal man was a civilised creature, according to intriguing evidence uncovered by a team of Spanish archaeologists. The key to their thesis lies in 15 furnaces, recently unearthed, dating back 53,000 years. Some were used for cooking, others as hearths to generate heat. Many served as rudimentary blast furnaces to make tools. **Page 9**



Tony Blair, the Labour Party leader, greets three-year-old James Cellen-Bell in Cardiff yesterday during his tour of the nation

BUSINESS

Interest rates: British manufacturing showed convincing signs during August of emerging from a long period of stagnation, making it less likely that the Chancellor will cut base rates tomorrow. **Page 25**

House prices: Prices rose 0.5 per cent in August, usually a quiet month, according to the Halifax Building Society. **Page 25**

Investments: Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank owned by Germany's Deutsche Bank, has suspended dealing in shares of its three European funds. **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 16.8 points to close at 3884.4. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 85.3 to 85.5 after a fall from \$1.5630 to \$1.5597 but a rise from DM2.3096 to DM2.3188. **Page 28**

Schools fuel cuts: Schools are being urged to slash their energy bills to save money for books, computers and teachers under a scheme to curb global warming. **Page 8**

'Mad cow' denials: The European Commission scrambled to defend itself against claims that it had sought for years to play down the impact of 'mad cow' disease in order to protect the beef market. **Page 11**

Burmese defiance: A cheerful and apparently undaunted Aung San Suu Kyi, who was released last year after six years of house arrest, said that her possible re-arrest by the Burmese authorities would be "no problem at all". **Page 11**

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